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9/11: A reminder of past and present

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Voice Reporter

September 11th has come again, along with the raw emotions of that horrific day that rocked the United States eight years ago. Families who lost loved ones mourn again and the country grieves for its fallen victims. But this day is also a bleak reminder to all Americans that the terrorists are still out there.

Although the U.S. has waged a War on Terrorism since 9/11, the military initiatives in Iraq and Afghanistan do not seem to have curbed the threat that terrorist groups like Al Qaeda pose to the world.

The United States created the Department of Homeland Security after the attacks but has this department made America a safer place? The United States government has committed itself to this cause since the attacks by strengthening its defense. But have these measures prevented attacks?

One such measure was the creation of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) that deals with the airport security. Today, travelers are required to take off shoes and all belongings, and are restricted to the "3-1-1" standard which allows three containers of liquid or gels, one quart-sized, clear plastic bag holding 3 ounce or smaller containers and one bag per passenger placed in bins. This may seem like a preventative measure, but some people are able to sneak in restricted items.

One passenger unknowingly brought in an antique pocket knife past security by placing it at the bottom of his wife's purse.

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Ground zero in 2009 amist the construction of the Freedom Tower.

Others have found that a passenger can sneak more liquids than allowed if they are placed outside of the quart-sized plastic bag. Our airports may be strict about their policies, but they may not be as safe as many Americans think they are.

Another measure was the USA PATRIOT Act that was signed into law shortly after 9/11. This Act brought on much criticism about the invasion of the privacy of individuals as it allowed government wire tapping and access to private records. Some Americans would argue that freedom comes at a price while others believe that the PATRIOT Act is a violation of civil liberties.

The War on Terrorism is the biggest initiative that the United States government has taken to ensure that an attack like the one on September 11th never happens again. But eight years after the first military action began in Afghanistan, the war does not seem to be ending. Rather, military officials have said the strategies are not working and new tactics are necessary.

Obama, Afganistan and the fight against time

Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

The war in Afghanistan will enter its ninth year next month. Much time has passed since the Northern Alliance entered Kabul and contrails from B-52s filled the sky over Tora Bora in the autumn of 2001.

In last November's presidential election campaign, the future of the American war effort there in principle was not a subject of debate between Barack Obama and John McCain. For Obama, Iraq was the "stupid war" that diverted America's attention and limited military assets away from the fight against Al-Qaeda and the remnants of the toppled Taliban regime that once harbored them. Afghanistan, on the other hand, was and remains the "right war." Although President Obama has been in the White House for less than a year of its duration, the Afghanistan war has quickly and definitively become his own.

By the end of this year, the U.S. is scheduled to have between 65,000 and 68,000 troops in Afgbanistan, bringing the combined total of Allied troops to somewhere in the range of 105,000. As was the case in Iraq, a Congressional research group recently reported that the number of private contractors employed by the Pentagon outnumbers combat troops and is likely to increase. The "civilian surge" that was called for in order to help the Afghan government has yet to materialize. Along with replacing commanders (General McChrystal took over for General McKiernan) and implementing a new strategy on the ground, the Obama administration has effectively doubled the number of American troops in Afghanistan from when this year began. They have done so as part of their chosen response to what was and largely remains a critical situation.

Greatly under-funded and neglected in favor of Iraq, Afghanistan quickly became the Bush Administration's "forgotten war" following the initial success in the autumn of 2001. Too few in number and stretched far too thin, American and Allied commanders had long been requesting more resources and troops as they coped with a growing insurgency and ineffective Afghan government that was propped up by the U.S. and NATO (President Karzai was nicknamed the "Mayor of Kabul"). They now have more troops, but the scale of the task at hand has left many commanders voicing the same complaints and requests. In response, on top of the 7,000 troops that are still arriving in and around Kandahar in the southern part of the country, generals Petraeus and McChrystal have introduced a plan that would allow them to re-classify as many as 14,000 currently listed support troops to combat ones instead. With their report last week, the generals have also left open the possibility that they will request additional forces from outside of the theater.

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President Barak Obama

The emphasis on bolstering force strength in Afghanistan was increased this past week when General McChrystal announced that the Afghani police and security forces need to be doubled from their combined strength of 150,000 men to a new total of 300,000. In a country that recorded a gross domestic product or "GDP" of $12.85 billion for 2008, an expanded force of that number would need to be largely funded by the United States indefinitely. In terms of training such a force alone, the Obama administration and the generals are hoping that NATO countries will commit more troops of their own for the task. Facing growing public opposition to the war at home however, getting the governments of such countries to send more of their soldiers for even non-combat roles could prove to be much harder in the months and years ahead.

Public opposition to the war is becoming more of a factor within the United States as well. The New York Times' front

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Tray-less in the D.C.

Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

This 2009-2010 year at WSC, the popular, well-liked Dining Commons has decided to go trayless. Students, now, carry just their plate full of food back to their seats instead of carrying it on a tray.

Most of you have probably seen the tray collage on the back wall of the DC, but have you ever taken the time to read it? Many would probably answer no. And many more are probably wondering what having no trays really does and how it saves the school anything.

Having a trayless DC saves between 1/3 and ? a gallon of water a day because the staff no longer has to wash them.

Students and faculty also take smaller portions now without having the bigger space to load up on plates and on food. This prevents mindless eating and helps to avoid the "freshman 15."

A sophomore group said that it does not really make that much of a difference, however the plates are big enough for reasonable portions and now we will eat less and waste less.

Because around 3,000 people eat at the DC everyday, without the trays an average 20-30% of waste is reduced daily, according to the information posted in the dining area.

The DC staff thinks that not having trays anymore is great. It is easier to save because kids who take too much waste the food and without the trays that does not happen. One staff member said, "We save on waste."

Other students, however, are not in favor of this decision. Tanya Hogan, a freshman, said, "I hate it because I like to have extra food and I can't keep everything on one plate."

A friend of hers said that trays are better because they hold more stuff, like glasses and utensils. They said that they would take the same amount of food they just would not have to put their plate on the table before they grab a drink.

This group of freshman were in agreement, too, that not having trays makes it difficult for people in wheelchairs to get their food.

Another freshman, Allison Panetta, said that she thinks it's annoying because she always feels like she is going to drop her food.

Westfield State College is not the only school that is going trayless. Other schools like Virginia Tech, UMaine, UNC, Brown University, UMass, Springfield College, Bentley, and Comell have also said goodbye to trays.

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Editor's Desk

Wow! I can hardly believe that school has started - much less that one week of classes has already passed and another one is well under way. (Not that this week really counted with the Labor Day long weekend!) I hope everyone had a great start to the fall semester and isn't to swamped with work already.

It's a little strange to me that I am starting my senior year in college. I feel like just a few months ago I was a freshman, wishing to be a senior. Now, it's pretty much the other way around. Who needs the real world?!

Anyways, hopefully everyone had a wonderfull summer and is ready to get yet again used to the daily grind.

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WSC Speaker Series Presents:

FRANK RICH
Monday, September 21

Westfield State College will be host to internationally known speakers on a variety of topics for the college's 2009-2010 Foundation Speaker Series. The series will start Monday, Sept. 21, with The New York Times columnist Frank Rich. Each event is free and open to the public.

Other scheduled fall speakers include best selling author Daniel Pink on Oct. 5, Jon Bauman appearing as his alter ego Bowzer, leader of the Shia Na Na group, on Nov. 21; and novelist Elinor Lipman on Dec. 8.

The Westfield State College Foundation Speaker Series, initiated by President Evan S. Dobelle, is in its second full year of bringing internationally known speakers to Western Massachusetts.

"The college is pleased to be a venue for speakers who have an important impact nationally and internationally, whether it be through politics, literature, music or humor," Dobelle said. "This is one of the ways an academic institution can and should engage and enrich our neighbors."

Rich's weekly column helped inaugurate the expanded opinion pages the paper introduced in the Sunday Week in Review section in 2005. Before writing his column, Rich served as the Times' chief drama critic. He received the George Polk award for commentary in 2005, which honors contributions to journalistic integrity and investigative reporting.

His latest book, The Greatest Story Ever Sold: The Decline and Fall of Truth from 9/11 to Katrina, was published in 2006.

Pink is the author of a trio of best-selling books on the changing world of work. A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future, charts the rise of right-brain thinking in modern economies and describes the six abilities individuals and organizations need in an outsourced, automated age. Pink previously worked in the White House, where he served from 1997-1999 as chief speechwriter to Vice President Al Gore.

Bauman will present Bowzer's R-n-R Party. The contrast between mild-mannered Bauman and his creation and alter-ego has raised a lot of eyebrows in the entertainment industry, because Bauman's portrayal of Bowzer was so convincing that the casual observer thought Bowzer walked the streets of Brooklyn when not performing. Bauman has surfaced as one of the most multi-dimensional performers in show business today. Lipman is the author of eight novels about contemporary American society, and a collection of short stories. She received the New England Book Award for fiction in 2001. Her novel, Then She Found Me, was adapted into a 2007 feature film, directed by and starring Helen Hunt. Her novels The Ladies Man and The Pursuit of Alice Thrift are in preproduction as feature films.

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Cameron Diaz goes green

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

So here we are again, bolstering our brains for another semester of educational enlightenment.

Don't worry. I'm just as thrilled as you, if not more. Well, anyway, I hope you all had a wonderful summer, quick as it went by (I know that it wasn't long enough for everybody – it never is). As some of you may recall, my final article of last semester was about Larry Hagman's solar powered California home, and as a way to wrap up I joked about doing other articles about environmentally conscious celebrities. And since I spent my entire summer thinking about everything except for what topics I was going to cover this semester, I found myself clueless as to what I would write about this first full week of class.

Naturally, I thought of the Hagman article since it was my most recent offering and with no other good topics in mind, and too lazy to come up with one on such short notice, I said to myself, why not? Green celebs it is!

So who's doing what in the who's who of celebrities? Cameron Diaz is one of the most outspoken celebrities when it comes to the environment; she united with former Vice President Al Gore to announce Save Our Selves (SOS) – The Campaign for a Climate in Crisis, which started Live Earth in 2007. She also has an MTV show called Trippin', where she and her friends travel the world, learning about protecting the environment along the way. Diaz is big on spreading the word on such environmental issues. She has filmed public service announcements with her pal Gwyneth Paltrow and is a member of the Environmental Media Association, usually giving talks about investing in green living.

Diaz is a fan of the eco-friendly Prius, just like my boy Leo DiCaprio. He promotes the hybrid car (which gets 60 miles per gallon, by the way) in between narrating and producing documentaries like Water Planet and 11th Hour, as well as publicly addressing issues such as climate change, biodiversity, and sustainability. Perhaps the most active person in Hollywood when it comes to the environment. DiCaprio as been on the board for Global Green USA since 2004 – they've even presented him with an environmental leadership award. He's a trailblazer for green celebs.

And, of course, the man who was my first choice for such an article: Mr. Edward Norton. Norton is shy when it comes to the Hollywood limelight, but not with social and environmental activism. He's a large promoter of renewable energy, especially the solar variety. In 2003 he set up the BP Solar Neighbors Program, which installs solar energy systems in low-income family homes every time a celebrity has one installed. Similar to DiCaprio, he has hosted environmental programming like National Geographic's Strange Days on Planet Earth; when interviewed in regards to the program Norton said, "I think that we're behind where we ought to be in terms of the sustainability of the way we're living. There are certain thresholds, or tipping points, that I think this series addresses in a really interesting way." The native New Yorker is also a board member for Friends of the High Line, an organization intent on saving green space in Manhattan.

Picture courtesy of habble.com
Cameron Diaz

Interesting stuff, I know, but these individuals are just a few of many that are involved in green behavior these days. There are many others who are doing their part and to leave them unmentioned would be a shame, so I'll have more green celebrities and their activities to share with you next week. I know you're all celebrity-crazed, so you'll be back.

President Barak Obama's War

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page story on the war last Thursday noted that the Obama administration faces the possibility of becoming dependent on the GOP for its support of the war. Recent poll numbers show why.

A CNN/Opinion Research poll conducted at the end of August showed that 57 percent of those surveyed now oppose the war. Another recent poll put that figure at 51 percent. Regardless of the six point difference between the two, both are higher than the 46 percent that opposed the war back at the beginning of April. This year's combat operations are undoubtedly a major reason for the drop in support.

July and August have been the two deadliest months for American troops since the war began with 44 and 51 killed respectively.

The Obama administration's stated reasons for expanding the war appear to be doing little in the way of generating support in a time of rising casualties.

The Obama administration and the military know that time is not on their side. In a press conference last Thursday, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates said in response to the drop in public support for the war, ""The nation has been at war for eight years; the fact that Americans would be tired of their sons and their daughters at risk and in battle is not surprising." Off the record, administration officials have been admitting that they have about a year to produce results demonstrating a clear reversal in Afghanistan's downward spiral.

Oavid Kilcullen, a former Australian army officer who was a close counter-insurgency adviser to General Petraeus in Iraq recently arrived to serve in the same capacity for General McChrystal. Summing up his own views during a speech he gave at the U.S. Institute for Peace, Kilcullen stated, "We'll fight for two years and then a successful transition, or we'll fight for two years and we'll lose and go home." Although no administration officials or military officers have been as frank as Kilcullen (nor does he speak for them), the Australian ex-army officer's comments reflect the sense of urgency accompanying military operations in the country.

Making matters more complicated for the U.S. and NATO is the fact that, unlike in Iraq, Afghanistan really has no equivalent to the 100,000 Sunni fighters who were successfully taken out of the insurgency by the Anbar Awakening/Sons of Iraq movement that started in late 2006. Alienated by the extreme and random savagery of Al-Qaeda in Iraq, the Sunni militias left the insurgency and entered the American payroll for a monthly price of around $10 a fighter. Also missing from the Afghan picture is a group resembling the Sadr bloc. Though not by any means desirable in any case, the cease-fire with Muqtada Al-Sadr's Mahdi army was another crucial factor in eventually reducing the number of attacks on American troops and the level of overall violence in Iraq.

Many military and policy experts agree that attempting to negotiate with the more moderate elements of the Afghan insurgency (often too generally lumped together as being the Taliban) and even the Taliban themselves will be required at some point in the future.

Secretary of Defense Gates first mentioned that himself late last year while still working for President Obama's predecessor. A key issue with that plan is that the U.S. and NATO lack the level of tribal information and contacts in Afghanistan that were crucial for the implementation of the strategy in Iraq. They suffered a major loss when the Afghan deputy intelligence chief was assassinated last week.

Killed by the Taliban, he was a leading source of desperately needed information on the country's tribes and tribal leaders.

Despite the numerous challenges facing the U.S.-NATO effort in Afghanistan, the president and his administration have staked much on the war there. As many analysts and commentators have warned, if it continues to go badly, Afghanistan could consume Barack Obama's presidency the way that Vietnam consumed Lyndon Johnson's.

Operation Khanjar, launched back at the beginning of July in the southern province of Helmand has seen inconclusive results. Many Taliban fighters retreated deeper into the mountains along the border with Pakistan.

With additional American troops arriving and possibly even more to come later, many months of heavy fighting and their resulting casualties are still ahead. Earlier this year, the Washington Post's Oavid Ignatius wrote that even though he was facing many risks by expanding the war in Afghanistan, President Obama was "marching his presidency into the 'graveyard of empires' anyway." Today, several months later, the march continues.

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Student of the Week

Student: Arielle Petteway

Major: Theatre

If you could be any animal, what would it be?
A koala bear, because they are cute and cuddly but can be ferocious... and because Mark Stegelman said so!

If you could date one celebrity who would it be?
I know it's typical but, Johnny Depp. I don't care if he's old enough to be my dad!

What would your last meal be?
Whatever is in my purse, I'm bound to have some of everything. Or, take me to a buffet, and let me have at it!

What movie defines your life?
Because I said so. The main character is always surrounded by food and can never make up her mind.

If you would like to be Student of the Week email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Internship experiances: The news room

Debbie Silverman
Layout Editor

Michael Jackson died on June 25, 2009, and the whole world cried. Some people were at work, some were at home, and some were sitting in stop-dead traffic, gasping at the news reports. I wasn't at home, or in the car. I was in a newsroom. I was in a real live newsroom, just about to finish putting together the entertainment page (R.I.P Farrah Fawcett), when Michael Jackson died. It was one of the most incredible moments of my life… until, of course, I had to redo the entertainment page accordingly.

I do not report the news, though at one point in my life that is what I thought I wanted to do. Instead, I do lay-out; a type of graphic design that during this past summer I learned-was professionally referred to as pagination. I learned this term at the Sun Chronicle, a local newspaper located in Attleboro, MA, where I intemed for four months.

In high school, I was the "layout editor" for the schools newspaper, The Knight. Now, years later, I take on the same role at our very own campus publication, The Voice. After flip-flopping between writing and designing pages, I have finally come to a conclusion: I like pagination. A lot.

I was the only pagination intem at the Sun Chronicle this summer. In fact, when I applied for the internship (through a very unprofessional set of emails made by me to every newspaper within fifty miles of my hometown), almost every editor-in-chief I talked to hung their jaws when they heard what I wanted to do. I didn't want to write?! How could that be? None-the-less, I landed an internship at the Sun Chronicle, and spend two nights a week working the wire-shift (well half of it, anyway) in a newsroom full of editors, police scanners, ringing telephones, and the luling click of the keys on a keyboard.

Pagination is fun. I didn't have the freedom that I do when I'm working on pages for The Voice, but I learned more during this summer than I imagined I would. In the beginning, editors were drawing out pages for me, telling me what went where and when or how to cut a story that had too much copy.

By the end of my intemship however, after long hours of standing behind editors and learning a new software program (fadesign), I was pulling whatever stories from the wire I thought were fit for the particular page I was working on. What a feeling!

Though I was confident in my skills before my intemship, I am even more so after it. I now understand that no matter how many years a person edits copy or paginates pages, there is always, always, more to learn.

I encourage everyone and anyone to look for an intemship. Whether it is during your junior year, or over the summer or winter break, it is beyond worth it. Despite the somewhat grueling hours some intemships can command, despite the severe lack of pay most intemships offer, they are resume boosters, and raw, real life experiences.

Editor's Desk

It's unfortunately time to put away your flip flops and kiss your summer flings good bye. While it may not feel like autumn yet, we're certainly already back in school mode.

So welcome back! If you're a freshman or transfer student, welcome to Westfield! I hope everyone had a great summer.

Matt Castonguay and I will be taking over The Westfield Voice this year. This is our second edition to date, but our first of the 2009 Fall semester. If you're interested in joining the staff of The Westfield Voice, feel free to send us an e-mail at thevoice@wsc.ma.edu or stop by the Voice office which is located in Ely above Jazzman's.

Hopefully everyone had an excellent first week of classes! Don't forget to check out our Quick Hits section if you're looking for something to do on campus within the next week.

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FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

I've got to say, there are few things in the world more enjoyable than doing what feels right. The thing that comes most naturally to you and which you'd be comfortable doing everyday until you were, well, dead. I think I've found that thing

Sitting here, eating a bowl of Uncle Bens Spanish Rice, pounding Arizona Ice Tea's, watching Stripes with my feet up, glancing over occasionally to type this piece, I feel confident in saying, I've found that thing.

For those of you who don't know, this Jerk is now co-editor in Chief of The Westfield Voice and I've got to say, I'm adjusting nicely. Cait Penndorf, myself and our fabulous layout editor Debbie Silverman are looking forward to putting together something that not only our entire staff and ourselves can be proud of, but that the entire School and surrounding communities can be proud of as well. And with that being said, onto the column.

I don't know about you, but for me, this coming weekend feels like a national holiday. I feel like the post office should be closed, no school should hold class on Monday and there should be a law that forces package stores to close at 5 in observance and respect for said Holiday. I'm speaking of course of NFL opening weekend. It's the only time when, for me at least, the approaching fall season is a welcomed thing. If you can't get excited for Brett Favre going into Green Bay as the enemy or Tom Brady coming back healthy with an offense that is more stacked then ever or for the very real possibility of the Lions winning a game this year, well then you sir or ma'am, do not have a pulse. The best thing about football season is that unless you're a Raiders, Lions, Bengals, Brows or (maybe) Rams fan, your team has a shot thanks to a crazy little thing called the salary cap. Everyone can get excited. Including me, a Giant fan in Patriots country.

Beside the fact that our QB is over-paid and is no more than a serviceable player and that our receiving core has 150 total career receptions and that our best scoring threat has a better chanee of catching passes from Paul Crewe for the next two years than he does anyone else, let alone an NFL QB, I'm still excited for Giants football this year. The defense is still one of the best in the league but it looks like the Giants are going to have to win a lot of 3-0, 9-7, 10-7 games if they want to make it to the post-season. My prediction is that I'll be keeping my trash talk and wild betting to a minimum this year.

With this in mind, I'm dreading the idea of what the Patriots are going to do this year. They're too good to be thougbt of as anything but Super Bowl favorites as long as Tom Brady (ugh) is under center and Randy Moss is catching passes. It doesn't matter if Bob Lemon and Peter Boyle could pass as Patriot lineman, since the most prolific offense in NFL history is back.

To be completely honest, and I know everyone else is probably sick of it, but I can't wait to see Brett Favre playing a game at Lambeau Field as a visitor. To me the concept is mind boggling and as many times as I play that game on Madden, I can't quite wrap my head around what that is going to be like. I even tried to get tickets for the game but God knows with my financial situation and the historical consequences of this game, that is an exercise in futility.

Perhaps the best part of football season, perhaps even bigger and more important than the games, is Fantasy football. Coming on the heals of my abysmal fantasy baseball season, I can't say I have much confidenee in myself for the upcoming season, but I do know that either way, it's the most fun, drawn out way to lose $50 that doesn't involve trying to fight a BS ticket written by some power-tripping Westfield cop that one can have. I am looking forward to it as I'm sure so many of you are. And with that, its announcement time. This being the first issue of The Voice for the 2009-10 school year, I'd like to welcome the freshman, a class which I can't believe I was a part of so long ago. It still feels like yesterday I couldn't remember which was Bates and which was Wilson.

And, as always thanks for reading. Its good to be back.

Time Machine *by Franny Zupancic*

This Week in Music History

Mötley Crüe Album: Dr. Feelgood September 1, 1989

In 1989, glam metal icons Mötley Crüe released their fifth studio album. To say that the careers of the Los Angeles quartet were full of decadence and debauchery would be an understatement. Crüe's fifth album, Dr. Feelgood was their first to be recorded sober during their then-newfound quest to escape their addictions. Ironically, Dr. Feelgood went on to be the band's bestselling album and is generally accepted as one of their strongest.

The album was loosely conceptual, revolving around three key themes: drugs, sex, and relationships. "Kickstart My Heart" refers to the clinical death of bassist Nikki Sixx and his revival by two adrenaline shots to the heart. "Sticky Sweet," "She Goes Down" and "Slice of Your Pie" are gritty sexual themed tracks that feature a surprising assortment of guest backing vocalists: Bryan Adams, Steven Tyler (Aerosmith), and Robin Zander and Rick Nielsen (Cheap Trick).

"Without You" is a slow but powerful ballad with slide and acoustic guitars in the relationship category, written about drummer Tommy Lee's relationship with Heather Locklear. The album ends with "Time for a Change," a ballad reminiscent of "We Are The World," reflecting Nikki Sixx's thoughts on society. The song features bass work by producer Bob Rock and backing vocals by metal band Skid Row.

The album's release was important to the evolution of metal music into the mainstream, as well. Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich noticed the crisp production style of Bob Rock and hired him to produce Metallica's massively successful eponymous 1991 release (commonly called "The Black Album.")

Where are they now?

The original line-up of Mötley Crüe reunited in 2005 and began work on a new album, "Saints of Los Angeles," which was released in 2008.

In an answer to high costs of summer concert tickets, the band started their own version of "Ozzfest." Named CrüeFest, the band completed their second year of the festival this summer and I was fortunate enough to be in attendance. To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Dr. Feelgood, the band performed the album in its entirety, kicking off with a performance of the title track inside a lit-up padded room on the stage.

Dr. Feelgood can also be found on Rock Band as a full album as downloadable content.

Mötley Crüe - Dr Feelgood
30th Anniversary

Vince Neil and Tommy Lee, photo by Wirelmage

Top 10 Billboard Singles

1. The Black Eyed Peas - I Gotta Feeling
2. Jay Sean ft. Lil Wayne - Oown
3. Miley Cyrus - Party in the U.S.A.
4. Kings of Leon - Use Somebody
5. Taylor Swift - You Belong With Me
6. Jay-Z, Rihanna, & Kanye West - Run This Town
7. Drake - Best I Ever Had
8. Keri Hilson ft. Kanye West & Ne-Yo - Knock You Down
9. Pitbull - Hotel Room Service
10. Cobra Starship ft. Leighton Meester - Good Girls Go Bad

Weekend Box Office Sales

1. The Final Destination
2. Inglourious Basterds
3. All About Steve
4. Game
5. District 9

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@ The Calvin Theatre
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Sept 13 - Stephen Kellogg

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American Saturday Night falls short but still solid

Franny Zupancic
A&E Editor

In high school I wasn't the type of person you would catch listening to anything with a twang. Despite Garth Brooks' Double Live being on heavy rotation early on in my life, I never could stand country music.

That all changed, however, when I read an issue of Guitar World with Brad Paisley on the cover. The writers described Paisley as "Eddie Van Halen on cornbread," so I had to check it out—Van Halen fan that I was at the time.

Sure enough, I was hooked, little by little, to the point where I was counting down the days to the release of Paisley's instrumental album, "Play." "Play" did not disappoint my desire to hear great guitar solos, and when I had my fill, I wondered what was next.

What would come next was "American Saturday Night." "American Saturday Night" was looked forward to with just as much anticipation, but it unfortunately did not deliver.

After repeated listens, the album grows on me, but there are some tracks I just can't help but skip.

The title track, "American Saturday Night," isn't anything witty except for the creative songwriting trend of describing all of the various ways an American could spend their night out on the town. In every example, there is some sort of 'import' involved, making the point that America is a melting pot and the "American thing to do" is to do something that isn't American. Activities mentioned include toga parties, margaritas, Italian ice, and pizza, some very American things that aren't really American at all.

"Welcome to the Future" is a look at technology and other advancements in society. The song is slightly off-putting when Paisley sings about Pac-man on his phone, followed by a chorus of "hey, hey, glory glory hallelujah." It then gets a bit more serious, contrasting racism and discrimination with Barrack Obama's spot in the Oval Office. I skipped this song plenty of times but it is growing on me. It does feel out of place in his discography, however.

"Then" is a bland-but-sweet ultra-sappy ballad that sounds too much like a 'countrified' version of a hair metal power ballad. It's a great song, but I get a chuckle as I picture Jani Lane or Joe Elliot singing it to an arena full of lighter-waving fans.

"Anything Like Me" is also pretty sappy, but witty. It's one of the best songs on the album, as Paisley sings about the way his son would turn out if he turned out to be like him.

You could say that it is autobiographical and a look back into Paisley's childhood.

"You Do the Math" and "Catch All the Fish" are probably the best songs on the album and stay true to his witty, creative, and often humorous songwriting style.

"You do the Math" sounds like a work of genius in the vein of a Johnny Cash / George Strait collaboration that never happened.

"Catch All the Fish" is a witty song about fishing and drinking. I'm personally not a fan of fishing, but this song is so well written and fun that I don't mind the subject matter at all.

"I Hope That's Me" is the best ballad-style song on the album and is far better than "Then" because it doesn't sound as generic. It's creative, but serious, and it fits his style.

The duds that drag the album down are "Water," "Oh Yeah, You're Gone," and "Everybody's Here." To put it very bluntly, "Water" just a terrible song. Maybe it's because I don't share any memories similar to those described in the song, or maybe the song just sucks. "Oh Yeah, You're Gone" and "Everybody's Here" are depressing, boring songs about a lonely guy going through a breakup. Again, maybe you have to be able to relate to this to appreciate it. On the plus side, there's something for everyone.

Unfortunately, there's not enough for me compared to his previous albums, so I would rank this near the bottom.

Paisley also loses big points for not including an instrumental track, a tradition he has kept up since his first album, including great tracks like "Time Warp" and "Throttleneck." I did notice a bit of a recurring theme, however. Most of the tracks on the album are a look back at the past and comparing them to current times.

It's not quite a concept album, but a constant recurring theme is pretty interesting.

He should probably pick a different theme for his next album, however, and never write a song comparable to "Water" ever again.

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Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
You'll probably want to spend most of the day in a nice, quiet environment where you'll be able to focus a little more on your personal life right now. You're likely to find the joys that family life provides very reassuring today.

Pisces
(February 20 - March 20)
You're bound to be feeling recharged and ready to get out and get engaged with life again today. If you've been keeping to yourself a bit over the past few days, now you'll probably be ready to want to engage with everyone you meet.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You should be willing to work long and hard to take care of all your responsibilities and obligations right now. Your dedication should get noticed and you could be starting to get a little more recognition.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
If there's something you really want, don't be afraid to take a few risks right now. This could turn out to be a fairly lucky day for you. You should really be full of energy and eager to express yourself this week.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
You'll probably feel like spending plenty of quiet time relaxing around the house today. It will be a great time for you to recharge your batteries a bit.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
You ought to be feeling pretty sociable at the moment, and you'll really want to take every opportunity to connect with others right now. You'll undoubtedly feel like chatting or getting together with a few of your friends today.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
People are really inclined to listen to you at this time, and this ought to turn out to be a very good day for you. You should really be feeling highly motivated right now, and all your efforts could end up bringing you plenty of recognition.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)
You're likely to be feeling revitalized and ready for new experience and fresh adventure right now. You'll really feel like having fun and challenging yourself today. Don't be afraid to get out there and broaden your horizons a bit if you can.

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
You might find yourself worrying about some kind of financial obligations that you have with someone else today. You'll probably work very hard for the benefit of both you and your partner right now.

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
If you've been having any kind of difficulties in your relationships with your loved ones lately, you'll probably find that you'll be able to express yourself much more clearly today. It's also a great week for romance.

Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)
If you really have to work on something today, you should be able to put your own personal interests aside and focus on taking care of the job at hand. You're going to be very efficient this week.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Easy Eggplant Parmesan

1 eggplant
1 tomato
1 bag of shredded Mozzarella cheese
2-3 tablespoons of olive oil

Step 1: Grab all your ingredients, a sharp knife, and a cutting board
Step 2: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees
Step 3: While the oven is preheating, thinly slice the eggplant roughly 1/4 of an inch thick (You can peel the skin off the eggplant if you'd like, personally I like to leave it on, it gives it more texture and its healthier for you).
Step 4: Place the sliced eggplant onto a regular cookie sheet.
Step 5: With a cooking brush, lightly brush the olive oil onto the eggplant (you may not need a full 3 tablespoons of olive oil).
Step 6: Next, thinly slice the tomato and layer it on top of the oiled eggplant.
Step 7: Sprinkle the shredded Mozzarella cheese on top of the eggplant tomato combination.
Step 8: Pop it into the oven for 15 minutes, the cheese will be a nice bubbly golden brown.
Step 9: Let cool for 2-3 minutes
Step 10: ENJOY! (if you like parmesan cheese, you could sprinkle on top for an extra cheesy treat)

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Health care rallies ignite the country

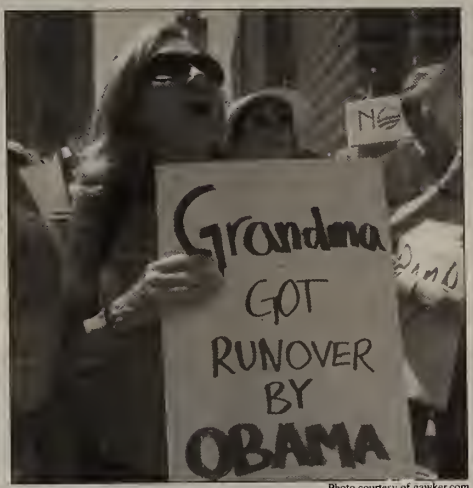
Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Health care reform is a hot debate lately in Congress and all over the country. People are participating in rallies and demonstrations as President Obama is working hard to push his policies through Congress. There are those more conservative Americans who are strongly opposed and believe that the reform Obama proposes is detrimental because it promotes big government.

On the other hand, others who are more liberal are urging that the reform will benefit many Americans. There are others still who either don't know about the health care situation or don't care. Unfortunately, some college students fit under this category.

Last week, fourteen WSC students were interviewed to see what they had to say about the current health care situation in Congress. Out of the fourteen, only three knew anything about it. College students are busy and many don't have time for politics. But this debate is important because its outcome could directly affect students both now and in the future. For example, under the Obama plan, young adults would be able to be under their family coverage until the age of 26. On the other hand, some would argue that the young adults will also have to worry about paying for the health care reform and allowing more government involvement.

This health care reform is facing a backlash from the conservatives in Congress who argue that it allows the government to intrude into the lives of American citizens. President Obama is trying to fulfill plans he made on the campaign trail last year for health care reform.



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A protestor holds a sign during a health care rally in San Francisco this August.

According to the official white house website (http://www.whitehouse.gov), the president's idea of reform includes "reducing health care costs for businesses and government, protecting families from bankruptcy or debt because of health care costs, guaranteeing choice of doctors and health plans, and providing affordable and quality health care for all Americans."

In his address to Congress last week, Obama reiterated that Americans will not have to change coverage or doctors if they are pleased with that they have. Rather, this reform aims at keeping the insurance companies in check and forming a new insurance exchange for those who are unable to get health insurance. His plan also includes a measure to offer a publicly-sponsored insurance option, an idea that faces opposition from conservatives who argue that it allows the government to get too involved. Obama did address this in the speech, saying that this measure would not be used by that many Americans and it just keeps the insurance companies in check. He went on to say to Republicans that the "wild claims about a government takeover of health care" are not true and that "we should work together to address any legitimate concerns you may have." But another criticism of the plan addresses how this reform would be funded. Obama promised not to sign any bill that adds "a dime to our deficits," and said that the reform could be paid for by finding savings in the current health care system. This will not cover the costs, argue some conservatives.

As the health care debate wages on, and Obama tries to compromise amidst the ideology battle in Congress, the people of the U.S. should be aware of what is going on. This plan may have a lot of potential to help many Americans get coverage but may also increase the role of the government to the dissatisfaction of some Americans. The health care situation will continue to dominate Obama's domestic policy and one can only hope that some sort of agreement is reached in Congress in the near future.

Death by Drone: Pakistan and the Assassination Campaign

Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, also known as Abu Ali, was traveling by SUV in Yemen's Marib province on Sunday November 3, 2002. Suspected of being involved in the USS Cole bombing, Harethi, the leader of Al-Qaeda in Yemen, topped the list of individuals wanted dead or alive by the Bush administration and the Pentagon in the then recently re-declared war on terror. When the Predator drones, which are unmanned aerial vehicles, identified the SUV carrying him and five other Al-Qaeda operatives that Sunday morning, they had already been searching the country for some time. In the charred remnants of what was once the vehicle carrying the six men, Yemen's Interior Ministry reported that traces of explosives and pieces of communication equipment were found. The missile strike marked the first successful assassination attempt by a Predator drone.

The killing of Harethi in Yemen was when the Predator first drew blood, but there were two previous unsuccessful strikes. Both took place in Afghanistan. The first, in 2002, attempted to kill Muhammad Atef, Al-Qaeda's chief of military operations. The second, in May of 2003, targeted Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the Afghan leader of the Hezb-e-Islami Gulbuddin political and militant faction (part of the insurgency but neither Al-Qaeda nor Taliban). In the time since then and the first successful strike in Yemen, dozens of missiles have been launched against targets by Predators and their larger Reaper counterparts. The focus in recent years has been on the Pakistani Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) bordering Afghanistan. The mountainous and nearly inaccessible sanctuaries for the Taliban, Al-Qaeda, and other militants, President Bush increased the volume of strikes in those areas of Pakistan during the latter half of last year. The campaign has continued under President Obama.

Most recently, drones struck targets in North Waziristan on September 7th and 8th. They targeted suspected hideouts of Pakistani Taliban fighters in both cases. On September 7th, a madrassa and adjoining house were hit with two separate drone-launched missiles and at least five suspected fighters were killed, according to Pakistani government officials. The following day, at least ten people were killed when a missile struck a residential compound in a different village. These strikes in North Waziristan marked a slight shift in location from where drones last struck. On August 27th, eight suspected Taliban

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Big E back in town

Caitlin Penndorf
Editor-in-Chief

It's that time again. The Big E is coming back beginning Friday, September 18th. This annual autumn fair lures people from around the state to West Springfield to enjoy delicious treats and great entertainment. From fried dough to a Mardi Gras parade, there's sure to be something for everyone.

The Big E has had some fairly well known entertainers perform in the past. This years line up also seems promising. The R&B group Boys II Men will be performing on Sunday, September 20th at 7 p.m. Country group Little Big Town will be at the fair on Saturday, September 26 at 8 p.m. Sugarland, with guest Matt Nathanson, will be there on Friday, October 2 at 8 p.m. Sugarland, however, is a ticketed concert. And for all of you "Rock of Love" fans, Bret Michaels' Rock of Love Tour will be heading to the Big E on Saturday, October 3rd at 8 p.m.

Another attraction of the Big E is the Avenue of States, which houses replicas of New England's first statehouses. In each statehouse you'll find things that are specific to the New England state being represented. Make sure to try Maine's baked potato and to pick up some maple syrup from Vermont.

Westfield State senior Stephanie Singleton has been a fan of the Big E for as long as she can remember. The Western Mass. native tries to get to the annual fair every year. "For me, the Big E is the kick off to autumn," said Singleton. "I love the food and the fried dough."

While the food and entertainment are what bring many people out, the agricultural aspect cannot be forgotten. Agriculture is what the fair is based on. Joshua L. Brooks created the idea of the Big E as a way to show off New England's agricultural side.

According to the Big E website, "Brooks knew that farming in New England was on the decline and that production costs were soaring.

His hope was to create an Exposition that would provide demonstrations of new farming methods and establish competitive awards which would inspire farmers and their children to produce more efficiently and sponsor cooperative purchasing that would lower the farmers' costs."

Photo courtesy of kidsvt.com
The Big E is open this year from September 18-October 4

One agricultural exhibit at the Big E this year will take a look at farming in New England through the seasons.

The exhibit will show how farming is done based on the season. Spring will show the planting and plowing, summer will focus on cultivatiog and early harvest, autumn will look at fall harvest, food preservation and cider making and winter will look at ice harvesting.

Whatever you're looking for, chances are that you may find it at the Big E. The fair runs until October 4th. The gates open at 8 a.m. and most exhibits and buildings are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Avenue of States buildings are open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, visit the Big E website at www.thebige.com.

Kanye West's actions not so Swift at VMAs

Matthew Castonguay
Editor-in-Chief

This past Sunday night, I must admit, I was not watching the VMA's. I never have and to be honest, I probably never will unless Elvis Costello, Paul Simon or The Police are playing live. And even then, I'd probably just DVR it and watch only what I wanted to later.

That being said, it was nearly impossible for anyone, save those who have managed to stay away from social networking tools like Twitter, Facebook and AIM to avoid hearing and/or seeing what took place at this years ceremony. Obviously, I'm talking about the Kanye West/ Taylor Swift fiasco.

I may not be the best equipped to discuss the happenings of an award show I didn't watch or to comment on whether Taylor Swift's video "You Belong With Me" was better than Beyonce's "Single Ladies" (which apparently it wasn't since "Single Ladies" won video of the year and "You Belong" took home only Best Female Video) since I seldom take the time to listen to either genre let alone the artists themselves.

Photo courtesy of Associated Press
Kanye West and Taylor Swift at the 2009 VMA's Sunday.

If you couldn't guess from the second sentence of this piece, my taste in music is older than my dad.

One thing I do feel quite comfortable commenting on is how self-absorbed Kanye West is. Last Sunday's on-stage cry out for Beyonce, while a shocked Taylor Swift was left speechless to wonder why he was up on the stage while she was accepting her award, was just the most recent in a long line of ill-advised Kanye West stunts/ remarks/haircuts/ etc.

Personally, I can't understand why he thinks his antics are alright. While I've never listened to his music, I feel comfortable saying he hasn't produced anything that will have Beatle-type resonance. However, and not at all surprisingly, he seems to think otherwise.

"There's nothing more to be said about music. I'm the f*****g end all, be-all of music," said West in an interview with Music-News.com in February of this year. "If I can hone that then I have nuclear power, like a superhero, like Cyclops when he puts his glasses on."

I'm not going to lie, if John Lennon ever compared himself to Cyclops with his glasses on, I dare say the Beatles would not have been taken seriously. Cyclops with his glasses on; how dare I question

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Health Care Reform: The Single Payer Solution

Patrick Burke
Voice Reporter

"Healthcare is a human right". I held up a sign in front of Whole Foods last week declaring just that to all the likely Obama loving liberal shoppers. Why would I do that? Whole Foods is for health care reform right?

The CEO of Whole Foods, John Mackey, wrote an op/ed in the Wall Street Journal attacking President's Obama's healthcare reforms, declaring there is no right to healthcare, and proposing the wholesale dismantlement of public healthcare regulations, policies, and programs as the solution to the healthcare crisis.

In this much do I agree with him: the reforms being discussed are inadequate and keep intact too much of a failing system.

Most of the proposed healthcare reforms are only health insurance reforms. There will be a mandate for individuals and businesses without insurance to purchase it, subsidies will given to those who cannot afford the programs available, and there will be laws ensuring some basic standards and minimum coverage in the health insurance market. Existing insurers will get tens of millions of new customers and the system will continue on as much as before, with profit-driven middlemen backed by the federal government making fundamental decisions of public health.

I believe in a single payer system, where Medicare or a similar public program is the sole insurer, the goal of the healthcare system is to meet the health needs of all and not profit, and matters of public health are decided by patients, physicians, and citizens in a democratic society. Canada, France, Sweden, and various other industrialized nations have this kind of system and their healthcare outcomes are better and the cost of healthcare in their countries is less. Hearing about our healthcare debate a German newspaper declared that Americans "want the freedom to pay too much for health care that is inferior by comparison with other systems."

The existence of universal public health insurance is not a detriment to our freedom but an enhancement of it. In most other industrialized countries when a person loses their job they can still expect to have health insurance. Their dilemma is not existential, they can devote actual time and resources toward finding a new job or career without managing a personal crisis. The fact that fire or police protection and roads and transportation are services provided to all through public and democratic institutions does not make them abridgments of human freedom.

Only when human freedom is removed from all context and concrete circumstance can someone like John Mackey say that markets are the epitome of liberty. Markets have their positive functions, but without ground rules, means of governance, and transparency they can lead to bad outcomes and inequality. The financial crisis involved banks and other investment firms taking on excessive risk, selling incomprehensible and often fraud laden mortgages and financial instruments, and becoming completely detached from the lending and financial services that would benefit the real economy.

Photo courtesy of esquire.com
John Mackey, the CEO of Whole Foods.

Health insurers now are rewarded for denying care and purging their rolls, their profits and stock prices increase when a lower percentage of their revenue goes toward paying for actual healthcare. There are countries that do manage to regulate private insurers and set ground rules that enable them to compete on issues of health outcomes and quality of care.

The current healthcare proposals do not meet these kinds of requirements and are unlikely to, as long as the healthcare industry is spending millions of dollars to create reforms favorable to their bottom line.

What can be done? John Olver, the US House Representative covering much of Western Massachusetts and Westfield, has pledged to vote for HR 676, a bill that would create a single payer health care system modeled on Medicare in the United States. He has also pledged to vote for two amendments to the current legislation being considered, one that would replace it with the single payer bill and another amendment, which would enable states to more easily enact single payer systems.

Canada's single payer system was enacted province by province, and something similar could happen in the United States. The other Western Massachusetts representative, Richard Neal, has yet to pledge to vote for these single payer friendly bills.

To find out more about single payer go to MassCare's (a non-partisan advocacy group making the case for single payer in Massachusetts and on the national level) website, www.masscare.org.

If you are curious about local actions to put single payer on the table nationally, you can join the Western Massachusetts Single Payer Network by sending me a message, at pburke8849@wsc.ma.edu If you vehemently disagree with me and want to learn about my sources also fell free to contact me.

Campaigning in Tribal Areas

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fighters were killed by a missile in South Waziristan. Earlier in the month of August, Baitullah Meshud, the leader of the Pakistani Taliban, was also killed by a drone-launched missile in South Waziristan.

Strikes by American operated drones have become a regular occurrence for those living in the Pakistani Tribal Areas. According to several recently published polls, although a large majority of Pakistanis despise the Taliban, they also oppose drones operating and firing missiles at targets within Pakistan's borders. Most, along with much of the military, see it as a violation of Pakistan's sovereignty on the part of the United States. Opposition by the public and military reached its height last September when American Special Forces troops raided a Pakistani village looking for wanted Taliban leaders. In an incident that took place shortly after that raid, an American helicopter carrying troops took small-arms fire from Pakistani troops when it crossed the border into Pakistan. With a similar cross-border raid in Syria around the same time last year, it looked as if the Bush administration was pulling out all of the stops in the twilight of their time in power. As we saw however, such actions did not expand and for reasons that remain true today, the United States military has kept to using only drones within Pakistan itself.

"No external force is allowed to conduct operations inside Pakistan," said General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, as the Pakistani army chief vowed that Pakistan's sovereignty would be "defended at all costs" following the raid by American Special Forces. Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari too condemned the raid and has maintained the official position of criticizing drone attacks in Pakistan.

Despite such criticism, it is widely believed by analysts and regional experts that the Pakistani civilian government and upper echelons of the military cooperate with the U.S. in striking targets in the country's border/Tribal Areas. It has even been reported that CIA drones operate from air bases located inside Pakistan itself.

Regardless of the extent of Pakistani cooperation, the condemnation of U.S. policy to the public and the quiet support of it by government officials abroad is not a new phenomenon in a country where a majority of the population is opposed to such a policy. In Jordan, for example, the condition for allowing the deployment of American troops was that the U.S. government didn't discuss it publically. In the case of Pakistan, the civilian government exists in a precarious position. During the country's political crisis this past spring, it was reported that General Kayani allegedly threatened that the army would remove President Zardari from office if he did not concede political control of Punjab province to the opposition party.

When the Obama administration considered expanding drone strikes to areas outside of the Tribal Areas and deeper into Pakistan earlier this year, at least for the time being, they must have calculated that the risk of undermining the fragile Pakistani government was too great. Also, it was in all likelihood a policy that the civilian government could not have politically afforded to support in secret even while condemning it publically.

Continued drone strikes in the Tribal Areas alone will remain a difficult issue for both the Pakistani and U.S. governments. If the strikes on specific Taliban and Al-Qaeda leaders are unsuccessful and kill large numbers of civilians (one Pakistani report put the number of civilians killed since 2006 at over 600), it could further weaken an unpopular civilian government that is viewed by many Pakistanis as being backed by the U.S. and as serving the interests of its backers. The Pakistani army is still fighting the Taliban in the Northwest Frontier province's Swat Valley. After much pressure by the Obama administration, the operation against the Taliban launched back in May ended the Taliban's rule over the province but also displaced some 1.6 million people.

Most of the displaced residents have returned home but the lessons learned by the Pakistani army have some major implications on the future of ground operations and the continued use of drones in the other Tribal Areas by the U.S.

The fighting in Swat remains difficult for the Pakistani army. Though the Taliban have retreated or been driven back deeper into the mountains, the army is still regularly suffering casualties due to ambushes and roadside bombs.

According to news reports, the Obama administration planned on Pakistani operations into the Waziristan provinces this year. At the start of the Swat campaign, President Zardari spoke of such "further" operations. Given the length of the Swat campaign and the fact that the Pakistani army is still battling the Taliban there (and unwilling to redeploy more troops away from its border with India), it is unlikely that any new operations will be launched this year.

Student of the Week

Student: Megan DeSimone
Major: Theater

What would your last meal be?
Crunch rap supreme and shrimp lo mein

If you could date one celebrity, who would it be and why?
Patrick Dempsey because.... its cliché, but he's McDreamy

If you could only listen to three albums for the rest of your life, what would they be?
Safety Suit -
Wicked The Musical
– Soundtrack
Fearless – Taylor Swift

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?
I think I'd be a penguin. In penguin world, the female gets to go out and work and the male stays home and watches the egg. Its cool that the roles are reversed.

Taylor Swift or Kanye West?
Uhhh, Team Taylor. She's my girl.

What movie best defines your life?
Finding Nemo because I'm just like Dory. I have the shortest memory of anyone I know.

If you could be one celebrity, who would it be and why?
Katherine Heigl because she's such a strong woman but she's always classy when she speaks her mind.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

West's words offend again

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your genius?

The thing about Kanye West that makes him such a pain is his inexplicable habit of commenting on everything, regardless of whether or not he's asked for his humble little opinion.

Perhaps the most controversial moment for West came in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when he claimed that, "George Bush . doesn't like black people." Among other off the cuff remarks he made, perhaps the one he's most remembered for was, "They're saying black families are looting and white families are just looking for food." While its understandable where West is coming from, it wasn't any one particular race "looting" or "trying to survive," but everyone. If you're interested, you can find both pictures of African American's carrying bags of food (survival) and ones with flat screen TV's (looting) by simply doing a Google image search.

Even rapper 50 Cent ripped West for his post Katrina comments. When a man who was the brains behind the video game/movie cover art of himself holding a hand gun and a baby questions your comments and has a leg to stand on with his argument, its safe to say you should self impose a gag order, unless you really don't mind risking your credibility for the sake of being a jerk.

Not to mention, West's oversight in the idea that blacks are predominately depicted may have something to do with the fact that the city of New Orleans is 67.25% African American compared to 28% white.

If a Hurricane took out the town of East Longmeadow, MA, which is 97.5 % white, I venture a guess you'd find hundreds of pictures of white Americans, not only surviving, but succumbing to the temptation of unwatched shops and marketplaces simply due to the wide discrepancy in population. Then again, some people just want to make everything black and white even though we live in a Technicolor world (in HD none the less).

My first taste of Kanye came in 2007 while watching the Live Earth concerts. Being a huge Police fan, I stayed up all night to watch my re-formed favorite band play a set to close the global concert event. Around one in the morning they began their final song, "Message in a Bottle" with John Mayer on guitar. I was ecstatic. That is until Kanye West burst on to the stage and began "uh, uh-ing" and rhyming lame couplets over one of my favorite guitar licks. I almost cried. Message in a Bottle: ruined. Didn't think that was possible until I was introduced to Kanye West. This is just one example of West needing to be the center of attention, when the only thing he should really be in the center of is the media bulls-eye for his ridiculous remarks and inane behavior.

While researching more memorable Kanye West moments, I stumbled across this youtube classic, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_-631TgPP2s. The video, titled "Raw Video: Kanye West's Backstage Meltdown," is arguably one of the funniest things I've ever seen or heard, especially since I find the humbling of arrogant celebrities to be most amusing. What ever happened to the old saying "its an honor just to be nominated?" Apparently, that's not enough for the self-anointed "end all, be-all of music." Listening to Kanye whine like a toddler who just had his Tonka truck taken away because he didn't win an award did nothing to help his cause in my book.

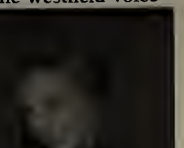
For someone who preaches the power of knowledge, shuns ignorance and talks of walking tall and taking the higher road, Kanye West seems to be nothing more than a lucky, (being nice here) moderately talented hypocrite who manages to come off as ignorant, racist and so arrogant it's a wonder he doesn't fall forward due to the enormous size of his head.

Its bad enough he's one of the top –selling artists of our generation, but the fact that young kids look up to him, makes me weep for the future. It may be radical to say, but in my opinion Kanye West and those like him are single handedly corrupting and ruining youth in this country.

If we continue to let people like Kanye West infiltrate our televisions, radios and ipods, its only a matter or time before the most important question for all of us in this malleable culture will be the one West asks himself in an interview, "I don't know what's better, gettin' laid or gettin' paid."

I can only hope that one day, that is the extent of my problems.

Editor's Desk



It's only the second full week of classes and if you're anything like me, you're already stressing. There doesn't seem like enough time in the day to get everything done and by the time I get back to my apartment, I feel like I don't even have enough energy to hang out with my five lovely roomies.

I propose that everyone takes at least one day this weekend to just relax. Watch a movie, head over to a Westfield sporting event or even take a day trip to the Big E. We all need a day to just mellow out once in a while.

So, enjoy your weekend and try do something that doesn't involve homework or studying. :)

We'd also like to apologize to Alex Myers who wrote the piece on the dining commons going trayless in last week editions. We credited Kylie Coffey with writing the piece when it was in fact Alex who wrote it. Sorry!

If you're free on Monday...
Non-partisan General Interest Meeting
Westfield State College Democrat Club
Monday 9-21-09 Bates 218 6-7 pm
All are welcome - and bring a friend.

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*$9.00 - $10.00 per hr

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Fall/Spring

Non-Science Majors Welcomed!

Description: Assist in setting up, breaking down and cleaning Biology labs and equipment; assist in maintaining greenhouse and outside gardens; assist in caring for lab animals and aquaria; assist with general office work as needed.
Skills: No specific major required.
Must be dependable and willing to complete assignments in a thorough manner. 8 positions available.

Patricia (ph: 5597) or Judy Franz (Wilson-220)

The top ten ways to hide that you are a freshman

Rachel Lareau
Voice Reporter

10. Do not get needlessly dolled up for a trip to the DC. I guarantee you that if you're a girl, the guys don't care if your hair is straightened and if you're a guy, the girls are too busy trying to look pretty to pay attention to you any way.

9. Wear sweatpants. These are a staple of all veteran college kids.

8. Do not, however, wear a Westfield t-shirt and Westfield sweatpants at the same time.

7. Ely is pronounced "EEE-leee." Not "Ehl-eee," and not "EEE-lie."

6. Pay attention to the weather. There is no better way to spot a "freshie," than the kids running around trying to dodge the rain on their way to class.

5. Don't take the PVTA to Walmart. Instead, make friends with an upper classman who has a car on campus and beg them to take you.

4. Once you get back from said trip to Walmart, stop by your room to drop off your stuff, don't walk around the campus and the DC with your big plastic bags of water bottles and Oreos.

3. Don't ask where the library is.

2. Never, I repeat, NEVER wear your lanyard with your ID and keys around your neck.

1. Have fun and enjoy your first year here!

In the words of Tom Petty:
"You have four years to be irresponsible here. Relax. Work is for people with jobs. You'll never remember class time, but you'll remember time you wasted hanging out with your friends.

So, stay out late. Go out on a Tuesday with your friends when you have a paper due Wednesday. Spend money you don't have. The work never ends, but college does..."

The Angry Liberal

By: Kristin Sherwood

Last weekend, thousands of protesters gathered together at the Capitol to demonstrate against big government and against the president's health care reforms.

According to The New York Times, some protesters called President Obama a "parasite in chief" and yelled "liar, liar," repeating the claim from Representative Joe Wilson during Obama's speech to Congress last week. Wilson shouted "that's a lie" when Obama said that his plan of reform would not be available to illegal immigrants. That outburst was completely out of line and of course Wilson has apologized to Obama. But it still sets a bad example.

The protesters from last weekend also believe that Obama is a liar. What evidence is there of this? He has not really been given a chance to be a liar. I'll admit that Obama isn't a saint and frankly, what politician is? However, how can Americans expect one man to fix all of the problems of an entire country?

These Americans criticize Obama's reforms and policies because they believe it promotes bigger government but they also expect the government to fix their economic problems. Americans of all backgrounds and of all political parties must realize that it is not up to the government to do all of the work. Citizens need to do their part in their communities, schools and families, too. There is nothing wrong with protesting big government, but people need to advocate for change at home and in their communities as well.

At Saturday's rally, Senator Jim DeMint said that, "this is not some kind of radical right-wing group," and yet some of the protesters' signs compared Obama to Hitler. I think that's a bit radical.

Those who claim Obama is a liar need to remember who the previous leader was. If anyone was a liar, it was Bush. Not to rehash old news, but where were these conservative, huge anti big government rallies when the Bush administration used wiretapping through the Patriot Act and lied to the American people about weapons of mass destruction? Obama may turn out to be the most corrupt, dishonest president we have had. But it's worth a try to at least give him a chance.

The government is not a one-man show and Obama cannot do any of this alone. Maybe not everyone agrees with his policy and there is nothing wrong with protests or voicing disagreement with the government. But name calling and blaming the president alone are not very effective tools in promoting change. These protesters should focus on positive ways that they can influence the government to change, not tear down its officials.

Obama is doing the best he can while juggling health care reform, war in Afghanistan and Iraq, and a lot of other domestic and foreign policy issues. Maybe Americans should stop with the accusations and follow the advice of former President JFK, who said "ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

Student Activities September 14-20, 2009

Westfield

Events are free of charge & open to the public unless otherwise noted. When multiple event listings occur, the list ID's the first one. All other listings appear in the ads below.

NOW	-	WSC Community Education Catalog Is Available For Viewing Register now for all Non-Credit Fall Classes Discounts For Fac/Staff Available	http://www.wsc.ma.edu/communityed
9/14/09	8 am	Registrar's Office Moved to Parenzo Hall Room 107	Parenzo Hall Room 107
9/14/09	12:30 pm	Faculty Recital, John Mason guitar This Boston Back Bay Classical Guitar Trio	Dever Auditorium
9/14/09	1:30 pm	Criminal Justice and Non-Profit Fair until 4 pm	Woodward Center
9/14/09	7 pm	WSC Sic Seductive Step Team Interest Meeting	Ely Third World Room
9/14/09	7 pm	NE Patriots vs. Buffalo Bills	Ely Main Lounge
9/15/09	4:30 pm	Field Hockey vs. Trinity	Alumni Field
9/15/09	7 pm	Volleyball vs. Elms	Woodward Center
9/15/09	7 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Elms	Alumni Field
9/15/09	7 pm	Christian Fellowship – new members always welcome	WSC Interfaith Center
9/15/09	2 pm	Presentation by Professor Christina Sweiden A Peculiar Sensation: Double Consciousness and African American Art Historians FM: go to www.wsc.ma.edu/community/events/view_event.cfm?vevtid=1991	WSC Downtown Art Gallery, 105 Elm St Westfield
9/16/09	4:30 pm	WSC TV Interest Meeting	Ely 324
9/16/09	5 pm	Campus Crusade for Christ All are welcome - for Bible study, worship, prayer and fellowship.	Interfaith Center
9/16/09	7 pm	MASSPIRG General Interest Meeting	Ely 338
9/17/09	4 pm	X-Treme Air	Campus Green
09/18/09	3:30 pm	Yoga To Relax And Replenish With Aaron Vega. Vega Yoga Mats Available 1st Come 1st Served Basis, All Levels Welcome	Dave Hall Commons
9/18/09	8 pm	Comedian Robbie Printz	Ely Main Lounge
9/19/09	1 pm	Football vs. Curry	Alumni Field
9/19/09	6 pm	Men's Soccer vs. Framingham State	Alumni Field
9/19/09	7 pm	Women's Volleyball vs. Salem State	Woodward Center
9/19/09	7 pm	Red Sox @ Orioles	Ely 112
9/19/09	8:30 pm	Movie Night Away We Go – Free Food!!	Ely Main Lounge
9/20/09	1 pm	NE Patriots @ NY Jets	Ely Main Lounge
9/20/09	8:30 pm	Movie Night Away We Go	Ely Main Lounge

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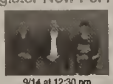

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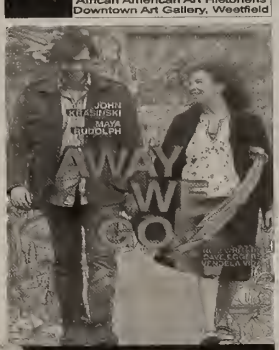

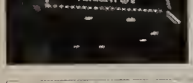

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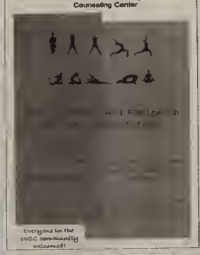

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All games are free with Student ID

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"When the Stars Align"

MTV's 2009 Video Music Awards

Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

People everywhere gather together with popcorn and their band T-shirts on to watch MTV's Video Music Awards every year. They cheer on their favorite band in hopes that they will win "Best Pop Video" or "Video of the Year."

This year, at Radio City Music Hall in New York City, the VMAs were special because of the Michael Jackson Tribute that Madonna graciously introduced. She complimented the influential artist, referring to him as "a hero" and "a king."

Following that, Jackson's music videos for "Thriller" and "Smooth Criminal" played up on the big screen while performers mimicked his dance moves on stage. Janet Jackson then made a glass shattering appearance and performed "Scream."

Katy Perry was the next performer and she sang "We Will Rock You" to introduce this year's returning host Russell Brand. They liked him so much they asked him to do it again.

He started off by first making apologies to everyone he may have insulted during last year's show.

Presenters Shakira and Taylor Lautner gave out the award for "Best Female Video" to Taylor Swift for her song "You Belong with Me."

She was running against great artists such as Pink, Katy Perry and Beyonce. As she got up to recite her winning speech, things got interesting. Kanye West rudely interrupted her by saying that Beyonce should have been the winner of the Moon Man award.

After the shock factor of West's rude interruption was over, the show continued with the "Best Rock Video." Funnyman Jack Black and Gossip Girl's Leighton Meester presented this award to Green Day for "21 Guns."

Photo courtesy of bodoglife.com

Lady Gaga performed at the 2009 VMA's on Sunday.

Then Taylor Swift, clearing her head of previous incidents, performed her winning song in the New York subway station. Lady Gaga, who had an interesting choice of wardrobe, sang next. She started off with "Poker Face," but led into "Paparazzi." It was quite the bloody performance. As a fan of hers would say, "It was awesome."

Next, the Moon Man for "Best Pop Video" was given out. Presenters Kristen Cavallari and Nelly Furtado announced the winner to be Britney Spears for "Womanizer." Due to her tour, she was not present to accept the award, but she was very excited nonetheless.

The VMAs are not just well-known for all their commercials, but also for their performances. The next two that performed were Green Day with "East Jesus Nowhere" and Beyonce with "All the Single Ladies."

Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, and the rest of the Twilight gang gathered onstage to introduce a preview of their new movie, New Moon, which comes out in November.

Following that was the award for "Best Male Video." P. Diddy and Jamie Lynn Sigler gave this award to T.I for "Live your life." He also was not able to receive the award because he is currently in jail, but surely will appreciate the honor when he is out.

Muse and The All-American Rejects performed next, Muse with "Uprising" and The All-American Rejects singer Tyson Ritter with a mockery of Twilight's Edward Cullen (Rob Pattinson) sporting his no shirt and shiny, sparkling skin.

Jennifer Lopez presented the award for "Best Hip-Hop Video" to Eminem with his "We Made You." Then Lady Gaga was presented with "Best New Artist" by Eminem and Tracy Morgan.

The last performance of the night was from Pink's "Sober."

She made it interesting by hanging upside down from a human trapeze while singing. Finally, what everyone was waiting for since the beginning of the show, the "Video of the Year" award. The popcorn is gone, you're getting sick and tired of the commercials, but you wait for this moment.

The Moon Man, given out by Jimmy Fallon and Andy Samburg, goes to Beyonce for "All the Single Ladies."

The crowd applauded and Beyonce gave her speech, but not without letting Taylor Swift come on again to finish hers.

The night ended wonderfully, despite a few mishaps, and the VMAs were as always a hit.

Editor's Desk

So it's eleven o'clock at night and here I am in the Voice office, trying very hard not to go slap happy from the hour and the cookies Franny keeps bringing me.

But! We are nearing the end and the paper looks pretty good, and Cait and I are singing about Curt Schilling. Don't ask.

What a week! (And it's only Wednesday!) I'm now more than happy that I managed to have zero classes on Friday. Not that this particular Friday means that I will have a break. Instead, I will be driving the long two hours home, (ok, I know it's not that long) for the Rosh Hashanah holiday. My mom is making Matzah Ball Soup, how can I resist?

Anyways, I hope everyone had a great start to the week and gets through the rest of it ok. For those of you on campus who are Jewish (the whole five percent of us) chag sameach and a very happy, very healthy New Year!

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This week in Music History

Lenny Kravitz
Let Love Rule
September 19, 1989

On September 19 of 1989, Lenny Kravitz released his debut album, "Let Love Rule." Though it has not yet cracked through the glass ceiling of platinum sales status, it is the important starting point of a very successful career in which Kravitz has amassed an impressive 35-40 million album sales.

"Let Love Rule" spans across rock, funk, and soul genres, drawing influence from a diverse range of artists including John Lennon, Bob Marley, Led Zeppelin, and James Brown. Kravitz' debut single shares the name of the album and reached #5 on the US Modern Rock charts. Twenty years later, it, along with "Freedom Train" and "Mr. Cab Driver" have been released as downloadable content for Rock Band.

"Mr. Cab Driver" was a tongue-in-cheek Lou Reed-style track that was written about an experience Kravitz had with a cab driver.

Lenny Kravitz - Let Love Rule
20th Anniversary

Where is he now?

Twenty years after releasing "Let Love Rule," Kravitz is set to re-release the album with new mixes and bonus tracks and is currently on tour. You can catch the four-time-in-a-row Grammy Award-winner for Best Male Rock Vocal Performance on October 17 at Foxwoods, or October 21 at the Orpheum Theatre in Boston.

Top 10 Albums (Billboard)
1. Whitney Houston - I Look to You
2. Miley Cyrus - The Time of Our Lives (EP)
3. Trey Songz - Ready
4. Insane Clown Posse - Bang! Pow! Boom!
5. Colbie Caillat - Breakthrough
6. Chevelle - Sci-Fi Crimes
7. Kings of Leon - Only by the Night
8. Pitbull - Rebulution
9. Taylor Swift - Fearless
10. The Used - Artwork

Top 10 Singles (Billboard)
1. The Black Eyed Peas - I Got a Feeling
2. Jay Sean ft. Lil Wayne - Down
3. Miley Cyrus - Party in the U.S.A.
4. Jay Z, Rihanna, & Kanye West - Run this Town
5. Kings of Leon - Use Somebody
6. Taylor Swift - You Belong With Me
7. Mariah Carey - Obsessed
8. Pitbull - Hotel Room Service
9. Jason DeRulo - Watcha Say
10. Drake - Best I Ever Had

Weekend Box Office Sales
1. Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself
2. 9
3. Inglourious Basterds
4. All About Steve
5. The Final Destination

Upcoming Video Games
1. NHL 10
2. NHL 2K10
3. Marvel Ultimate Alliance 2
4. Need for Speed: Shift
5. Rock Band: The Beatles

Upcoming CD Releases
1. Muse - The Resistance
2. Every Time I Die - New Junk Aesthetic
3. Megadeth - Endgame
4. Nelly Furtado - Mi Plan
5. Ace Frehley - Anomaly

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. X-Men Origins: Wolverine
2. It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia: Season 4
3. CSI Miami: Season 7
4. Grey's Anatomy: Season 5
5. 30 Rock: Season 3

This Week's Rock Band Content (Harmonix)
1. Anvil - 666
2. Anvil - Metal on Metal
3. Anvil - This Thirteen
4. Dinosaur Jr. - Pick Me Up
5. Dinosaur Jr. - The Wagon
6. The Guess Who - Hand Me Down World
7. The Guess Who - No Time
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9. Tenacious D - Tribute

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Rascal Flatts unstoppable in Mansfield

Andrea Corriveau
Voice Reporter

This past Saturday night, Mansfield's Comcast Center was bursting with a sold-out crowd of country music fans. Rascal Flatts made their return to the Boston area, along with opener Darius Rucker, former Hootie and the Blowfish lead-singer-turned-country-star Darius Rucker. The cold, wet weather was not enough to put a damper on this three hour show; the tailgating started early and the party lasted all night.

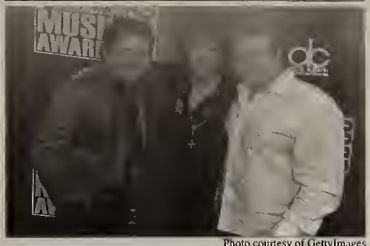
The show was phenomenal. Darius Rucker played his current country hits including "History in the Making," his next single to be released from his debut album, "Learn to Live." Rucker even performed a few Hootie flashbacks. Rucker also gave a shout-out to fellow country star Toby Keith, performing his own version of "his favorite song on the radio right now" and Keith's newest single, "God Love Her."

Even more impressive than the talent of Rucker, however, was the unbelievable performance by headliner Rascal Flatts. The band performed every one of their chart-topping singles and also performed a front porch-style set consisting of an assortment of various popular songs that incorporated a lot of audience participation.

Each member of Rascal Flatts spent time interacting with the audience, ensuring that participated in the singing, though just about every person at the concert already was. Lead singer Gary LeVox made reference to several things that really set the band apart from so many other bands with short-lived stardom: their charity work with the Make a Wish Foundation, their generous donations, and recently reaching their ten year anniversary as a band.

What keeps a band going for ten years? Many emerging performers are lucky to be around for much longer than as long as a few decent songs can carry them, and then quickly fade into the pile of bands, singers, and songwriters that just simply could not hold the public's interest. It seems to me that Rascal Flatt's ability to engage entire audiences in their performance, making a crowd of thousands feel like they are "in Mayberry, sitting on the porch drinking ice-cold cherry coke" with band members "picking on a six string" nearby.

The overall sense of unity among the crowd, and the easy-going, southern party-style of the show made the whole night a performance worth seeing. The concert concluded with an encore of "Life is a Highway" with Darius Rucker. It was a fitting ending for a great show, and there is no doubt in my mind that Rascal Flatts can continue to make music and sell out enormous crowds for another ten years to come.



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Rascal Flatts

More green celebrities continue helping out

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Now that we have gotten our feet wet with this celebrity thing, here's what others are doing to preserve the planet: Brad Pitt – Norton's Fight Club co-star is famous for being the male half of the celebrity powerhouse that is Brangelina (Angelina, as we all know, is famous for her social activism), but he is just as environmentally active as Ed. Pitt produced his own list "Fifteen Things I Think Everyone Should Know," and in one of the points he talks about America's buildings being a major cause of pollution: "Our buildings—our homes, offices, stores, businesses—use up 40 percent of all our energy. And they are responsible for 45 percent of the pollution in the air—meaning how we make the materials for buildings, how we produce our buildings, and then how our buildings operate. In a year, the average home is responsible for as much pollution as any car." Brad (another fan of the Toyota Prius) has teamed up with Global Green USA to create affordable, environmentally sound buildings.

Woody Harrelson – The vegan has been a life supporter of the environment: pushing for the use of hemp as a sustainable crop; creating the website Voice Yourself, which focuses on topics like nutrition options and getting off the electric grid; he climbed the Golden Gate Bridge to display banners intended to raise awareness about the preservation of redwood forests; he appeared in a video about stopping environmentally destructive processes, part of the End Mountaintop removal campaign. Woody has promoted eco-conscious behavior better than anyone, celebrity or not, in the last twenty years.

Pearl Jam – One of Seattle's disciples of grunge, the band has stepped up their efforts to be greener in recent years. One section of their website (www.pearljam.com) is dedicated to the offset of carbon emissions, urging fans to become part of The Carbon Portfolio Strategy. In 2003, they worked with Conservation International to offset nearly 6,000 tons of CO2 emissions by creating and preserving an area of rainforest in Makira, Madagascar. Their efforts to cut back on carbon emissions during their tours have inspired others like Neil Young and U2 to do the same.

Alanis Morissette – Outspoken on the topics of global warming and climate change, the Canadian singer/songwriter is just as passionate about environmental concerns as she is about her music. Alanis has narrated the documentaries Global Warming: The Signs and the Science and The Great Warming – both praised for displaying examples of individuals and organizations working to make a difference.

She's also another artist conscious of her carbon footprint, doing what she can to cut back on carbon emissions during her tours; she is a fan of solar energy too, having solar panels on her home. Morissette has opposed drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and advised her fans to get more involved and become more aware of environmental concerns, resulting in her acceptance of the EMA Missions in Music Award. Alanis continues to do her part, year after year.

Again, this is just a handful; George Clooney, Ed Begley Jr., Willie Nelson, Robert Redford, Casey Affleck, Cate Blanchett, Jon Bon Jovi, Oprah Winfrey, Richard Branson...the list goes on and on. We could spend the whole semester talking about green celebs and their environmental activism.

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From the cheap seats

By: Matthew Castonguay

Its late September and as a sports fan I should be getting whipped into a frenzy over all the great games and match ups that are coming up in the remaining days and weeks of this final year of the millenniums first decade; but its tough to get excited when all your teams are losing/facing up hill battles and all your arch nemesis are cruising and getting all the breaks.

How am I supposed to get excited about gambling with my friends when I have no money to pay them with when I inevitably pick with my heart and watch the Giants implode against Philly. Or more recently put $80 on Kyle Busch to make NASCAR's chase and he misses by 8 points, or two positions on the racetrack over 26 races.

Knowing that the next 10 weeks of NASCAR won't feature my boy Kyle Busch running for a title, knowing he'll probably win 4 (if not 5 or 6) of the next 10 races and not be a factor in the championship race, disappoints me. Especially with Brian Vickers getting a chance to race for the title. Sure he's accumulated more points than anyone the last 9 races, but he still caused the big one at the Daytona 500 this year which, in the opinions of many, cost Kyle Busch the win and, as it looks now, a spot in the chase for the Sprint Cup. Irony stinks, huh?

And for those of you who are still with me through my NASCAR rant, how about when the team I play week one in fantasy football has Drew Brees AND Adrian Peterson.

Or when the Patriots manage to squeak out a win against Buffalo in a game they should've lost. How am I supposed to get excited.

The Bills, a team that once lost the Super Bowl four years in a row, found a new way to embarrass themselves (sorry, Dr. Fleron, I really didn't want to have to go there this early in the year. I guess we both have Leodis McKelvin to thank for our bad Monday Nights) against the Patriots. And now, as a result of a stupid kick return and a terrible fumble, I have to hear about how wonderful Tom Brady is and how amazing the Patriots are when the only reason they won that game is because a glorified fantasy camper in Leodis McKelvin made a terrible decision to return a kick from 5 yards deep in his end zone with 2 minutes to play. Ugh, look up frustrated in the dictionary and there'll be a picture of me throwing chicken wings at the television cursing Leodis McKelvin.

Really. Besides the Red Sox beginning to distance themselves from the Texas Rangers, the sporting landscape for me has been more desolate than an expansive desert and I've found myself on the outside looking in, questioning "why" more than Sean Penn in *I am Sam*.

I mean, Notre Dame lost to Michigan. Yean, I won a 30 rack from my buddy Tom but I didn't really want the Irish to lose? College football won't be the same until Notre Dame is a powerhouse again and now, because of one rough outing by a championship caliber team and one incredible performance by a 4 or 5 loss team, we all have to wait one more year to see Charlie Weis genius come to fruition. At least this way, with Notre Dame now on the outside looking in, Jimmy Clausen will almost certainly return for his senior year. I can't wait for that let down.

I'm not even interested in golf on TV any more,usually a staple of my television diet, since now it's a forgone conclusion that Tiger Woods will win the Fed Ex cup after destroying people in the BMW Championship this past week. And I haven't even been able to follow my girl Paula Creamer on the LPGA tour lately because she's been sick/ the events haven't been covered due to lack of sponsorship. From a sports stand point at least, my world is falling apart.

Looking forward though there's the Divisional Championships in baseball coming up shortly and the Giants (please God, I BEG you!) potentially crashing the Cowboys homecoming in their new stadium this Sunday. Nothing would make me happier than that this early in the football season. Well, accept for Donovan McNabb getting hurt (wait. My bad.) and the Eagles struggling for (I hope) a while. That would certainly be a nice little gift.

And, My God if I wait any longer to ask out this new girl, I may talk myself out of another relationship. If only women weren't as crazy as Mike Tyson and as easy to read as a box score.

And on that note, for those of you who like to kick a man when he's down and win prizes for it (or hey, just win prizes), check out the Beat the Jerk football picks contest. The person with the most correct picks each week will win a prize. Its simple to play, just pick the same games I do, send your picks to TheJerkContest@yahoo.com and if you have more correct picks than me, you win.

Hope to hear from you guys and gals. Until next time….

Pats win with dramatic finish

Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

Most Patriots fans were probably thinking what I was thinking while watching their game this past Monday night; When are they going to step up and start playing?

The answer came in the fourth quarter when Brady completed two touchdown passes to tight end Ben Watson.

These touchdowns allowed the Patriots to overcome the Buffalo Bills by a final score of 25-24.

Watson's last touchdown came with about fifty seconds left on the game clock, when every Patriots fan was hoping for a game winning miracle, but wasn't expecting one.

The Bills' fumble that the Patriots recovered was also an important factor in them beating the odds and overcoming the 12 point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Brady and the Pats came through one more time to start the season off with a win.

In the opener, Brady completed 39 passes for 378 yards. He helped achieve the dramatic comeback win that we normally see in Red Sox games. Any lingering problems with his knee and shoulder? Not shown in this game.

Brady's return to the field was exciting for Pats fans, and by the end of the game he proved to still be a good quarterback. However, his return is now also linked with the injury to middle linebacker Jerod Mayo.

During Monday night's comeback win, Mayo left the game in the first quarter. He walked off under his own power, after he fell to the turf, so there was hope that he would be okay.

It turns out that Mayo suffered a sprained MCL, and is expected to be out for at least 6-8 weeks.

It's possible that he could return sooner, but 6-8 weeks is the timetable as of now.

So there's the good news and the bad news. The Patriots have a dramatic comeback win in the fourth quarter, but end up losing Jerod Mayo for up to 8 weeks.

BEAT The JERK

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Tennessee over Houston
Oakland over Kansas City
New England over the Jets
New Orleans over Philadelphia
Washington over St. Louis
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Tampa Bay over Buffalo
San Francisco over Seattle
Pittsburgh over Chicago
Baltimore over San Diego
Cleveland over Denver
Giants over Dallas
Miami over Indianapolis

If you think you have what it takes to beat my picks, send your picks to jerkasaurusrex27@yahoo.com and who ever has the most correct picks will win a prize from The Westfield Voice. Good Luck!

How to play? Its simple. All you have to do is pick more games correctly than the Jerk. The person with the most correct picks will win a prize. Tie breaker will be who's picks were received first based on the time email was received. Good luck!

Senator Schilling? Former Sox star contemplating run for senator

Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Could former Red Sox World Series star Curt Schilling be taking his bloody sock up the steps of Capitol Hill to the United States Capitol building? That's the word around town, as rumors began circulating last week that Schilling, whose views on politics and other world events have often been featured on radio and television programs, would be running for the Massachusetts Senate seat vacated by the death of long time Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Schilling is most fondly remembered by baseball fans for his role in "reversing the curse" with the 2004 Red Sox Word Series championship team, bringing the organization its first World Series win since 1918. He became a Boston folk hero when be won game six of the 2004 A.L. Championship Series against the Yankees with an injured ankle, wearing the iconic blood soaked sock that has since been put on display at the National Baseball Hall of Fame. A run for senator would be a new kind of battle for the three-time World Series Champion.

Schilling would not be the first professional athlete to break into politics following the end of their athletic career. Former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jack Kemp was a U.S. Representative for New York for eighteen years, NBA Hall of Famer Bill Bradley was a U.S. Senator from New Jersey for twenty years and NFL Hall of Famer Steve Largent became a U.S. Representative for Oklahoma for eight years. Jesse Ventura became the Governor of Minnesota following his career in professional wrestling and current California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger was voted into office following illustrious acting and body building careers.

Schilling has many of the right tools to run for senator. He is beloved in the state of Massachusetts and would receive a lot of support just because of who he is.

And money wouldn't be an issue for his campaign, as he has millions of dollars sitting in the bank and could easily get millions more in campaign donations. But running as a Republican in a Democrat-dominated state would be just one of the many challenges Schilling would face; a lack of true political experience would be another.

"While my family is obviously the priority, and 38 Studios is a priority, I do have some interest in the possibility," Schilling said on his WEEI blog, *38 Pitches*. "That being said, to get to there from where I am today, many many things would have to align themselves for that to truly happen."

But in an interview on sports radio WEEI, Schilling would not deny the fact that he has thought about running for the open senate seat and said he has been contacted about running.

Schilling said that one of his biggest challenges would be the fact that he was a Bush supporter, and said that would be the "number one reason that people wouldn't vote for me."

But Schilling went on to say that at this point, "It's not about Democrat or Republican, it's about putting good people in office, people with integrity and ethics."

He has been very open in saying that current and former Massachusetts politicians have used tax payer dollars both corruptly and unwisely, and that the state needs to rid itself of these unethical politicians. And while he may not think it's about voting Democrat or Republican, Schilling would definitely be classified as the latter of the two. His views on current political issues consist of being pro-life and against gay marriage, both classic conservative views. He has also been a known supporter of both President Bush and former presidential nominee John McCain.

Photo courtesy of Bleacherreport.com
Curt Schilling, a member of the Boston Red Sox

The Republican Party in Massachusetts needs a new face that people can recognize, relate to and want to vote for. Schilling might just be that new face.

But the question remains, would fame alone be enough to get Curt elected?

"I would want to know his opinions on more of the issues and find out if he could really handle being a senator," said Westfield State student Andrew Wright. "I would want to make sure that he's running for the right reasons."

"His name could get him elected if he decides to run," said Westfield State student Samantha Fahey. "A lot of people would vote for him simply because they know him and loved him when he played for the Red Sox."

If Schilling does decide that he wants to run, an announcement would have to come soon, most likely within the next week. The party primary elections are scheduled for December 8, and the general election for senator is scheduled for January 19, 2010, so candidates would need to start campaigning immediately. A Republican hasn't been elected senator in Massachusetts in over 30 years.

But this wouldn't be the first uphill struggle that the man with the bloody sock has faced.

Owls overcome obnoxious set backs

Caitlin Handcock
Voice Reporter

WESTFIELD-Taunting, cow bells, and pounding on the bleachers from the Western New England College volleyball fans may have gotten to the Owls early but Westfield would power on to win both Saturday games.

The Owls played a total of four games this weekend in the WNEC tournament in Springfield Massachusetts, breaking even with two losses and two wins. Friday night WNEC overpowered the Owls winning the game 3-1.

"During the WNEC game, as a team, we had to face poor sportsmanship from their fans," said junior, middle blocker Maura McLaughlin. "They were pounding on the bleachers and using cow bells as distractions while we were serving the ball."

Assistant Coach Lisa Wetherell says it's all just part of the game. "Its just a matter of the players being used to it and learning how to focus through anything," said Coach Wetherell.

Westfield headed into their second game at the WNEC tournament against Western Connecticut and although putting up a good fight fell to the Colonials 3-2.

"Even though we lost the Western Connecticut game I still feel like that was one of the best games that we had for this weekend," said McLaughlin. "We never gave up and we went down with a fight."

Teammate Rachel Ryan would agree. "We went to five games against Western Connecticut. It was a close match and both teams were fairly equal. The game was close throughout and we lost by a few points," said Ryan.

Westfield Owls would get a nights rest and then become a force to be reckon with on Saturday. That morning they had a practice session in which the coaches were purposefully trying to distract the girls as they served, preparing them for anything that might come their way in their last two games.

The girls would not only win both games but each and every match they set up for. The Owls surged past Bay Path 3-0 and followed it with another 3-0 win against Newbury.

"I feel like we could have focused a little better Friday night, but the second half of the weekend we played awesome," said Coach Wetherell.

The Westfield Owls now have their sights set on the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Tournament. However in order to be MASCAC champions Coaches agree they have some things to work on.

"We need to focus on finishing the match, no let downs and just playing steady through out the whole match," said assistant coach Paul Alfonso.

This years team looks to be one of the best as the girls would also take all three matches against Elm this past Tuesday night here at Woodward Center.

"My coaches each come from a different background in volleyball which makes them a great team," said McLaughlin. "They make us work harder then any of us could do on our own." This year it seems as though head coach Fred Glanville has been paired up with a confident group of girls.

"Each one of us has a very different personality," said Ryan. "We all bring something to the team and that is our biggest strength this year." The Owls will be put to the test for the remainder of their regular season with only two home games and eighteen away games including two more tournaments.

"It's nice to play on different venues," said Coach Wetherell. "That way if you do travel for the [MASCAC] tournament your used to playing in all these different places."

Team captains Stephanie Bartkus and Sarah Goodridge will attempt to motivate their Owls to a four game winning streak in Newton Massachusetts this Thursday. The girls are looking forward to a big home crowd on Saturday for a MASCAC game against Salem State. "This season is destined to be better than the rest," McLaughlin tells fans. "We only have two more home games and we want you to be a part of them."

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Westfield's football team

Westfield outlasts WNEC 21-6

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Sophomore tailback Luke Johnson (South Attleboro) rushed 28 times for 155 yards and a touchdown to Westfield State to a 21-6 victory over Western New England College in the annual President's Trophy game in a non-divisional New England Football Conference match-up on Friday evening, Sept. 11.

Westfield (2-0) leads the all-time series, 13-8; the Owls have won the last three meetings between the Western Mass. rivals.

The opportunistic Owls and their bend-but-no-break defense forced five turnovers despite allowing the Golden Bears (1-1) to rack up 390 yards in total offense and 25 first downs. Westfield, meanwhile, only committed one turnover.

WNEC out-gained Westfield, 246-89, in the first half but the Owls held a 14-6 halftime edge as they converted two turnovers into quick touchdowns.

Westfield's first touchdown was set up when junior cornerback Mike Jolicoeur (Wilbraham) returned an interception 34 yards.

Johnson capped the 14-yard drive with a five-yard touchdown run.

Western New England scored its only points early in the second quarter on an 18-yard pass from senior quarterback Justin Walz (Groton, CT) to sophomore receiver Kenny Muhlack (Groton, CT). The PAT attempt was blocked by senior lineman Matt Fall (Wilbraham).

The Owls scored with 47 second remaining in the first half on a 4-yard scamper by sophomore quarterback Kyle Anderson (Westminster). The eight-play 34-yard drive was set up on senior defensive back Nick Leverone's (Natick) 18-yard interception return.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Your desire for fun, adventure and romance should be clear to everyone around you right now, and there could even be a few romantic surprises in store for you before the week is through.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You might be feeling a little irritable today,and a few things around the house could really start getting on your nerves and end up leading to a little drama before the day is through.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
If you're too willing to jump to conclusions, you could really end up undermining yourself this week. Your ability to communicate clearly and understand others could be very important right now. Be sure that you make an effort to leave old fears and worries behind.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
If you find yourself coming into a little extra money right now, try not to spend it all in one place. You might be inclined to waste a lot of money this week if you're not careful. And you may want to take a little time to think about how you might be able to improve your long-term financial situation.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You might really feel like you're ready to strike out on your own and prove yourself right now. And the idea of taking greater control over your own life is bound to sound very appealing to you at this time. Just be careful that you're not too aggressive or it could end up leading to a few conflicts before the week is through.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Try not to let yourself get sidetracked by any unnecessary distractions right now. If you're not paying attention, you could end up missing out on something important. But you might find yourself feeling a little low-key today, and you could end up neglecting some important details if you're not careful.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You might find a few people around you behaving a bit erratically this week. And a few unexpected difficulties involving some friends or loved ones could be popping up for you before the day is through.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
A number of interesting opportunities could be crossing your path before the week is through. Be sure that you don't let any surprising developments catch you off guard or unprepared.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You could be eager to broaden your horizons a bit this week. Be sure that you take advantage of any new opportunities when it comes to travel or education at this time. And whatever you do, don't allow other people's unpredictability to throw you off track right now.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Be careful not to make any impulsive decisions where your finances are concerned this week. Be sure that you make only the safest investments with your money right now, and try to avoid anything that seems at all risky.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
It might be a little hard for you to figure out certain people this week. And no matter what you do, you're bound to experience a few conflicts between your needs and those of others. If everyone ends up wanting something from you right now, you'll just have to learn how to prioritize.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
Plenty of interesting developments could be popping up in your life this week, but you might feel like you don't really have the energy to deal with everything right now. You may even find yourself wishing that you could just escape all your responsibilities for the week, but you should eventually be well-rewarded for all your efforts.

Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Banana Bread

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter
3/4 cup brown sugar
2 eggs, beaten
2 1/3 cups mashed overripe bananas

1. Get a two mixing bowls and a 9x5 pan, lightly greased.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees
3. Mash up the bananas using a large spoon
4. In one bowl mix all the dry ingredients (the flour, baking soda, and salt)
5. In the other bowl mix the butter, which should be softened, not melted, and the brown sugar together.
6. Beat the eggs and then add them into the butter-sugar mixture.
7. Add the mashed bananas to the butter-sugar-egg mixture. Mix well.
8. Gradually add the "wet" mixture into the dry bowl. Mix together very well.
9. You may or may not want to add in chocolate chips (I personally like to). If you choose to about 2 cups should be fine.
10. Bake for about an hour.
11. Let cool for ten minutes.
12. ENJOY!!

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Small Steps

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

In these current times, with significant (some would say foreboding) topics like global warming, climate change, and deforestation on the front pages of newspapers and at the center of people's minds, it can cause some anxiety. If anyone views these things with unconcern it is nothing short of inhuman; such threats to the environment, to the earth's well-being, are also a threat to humanity. Ignoring something that has planetary implications is not easy, especially after giving it some deep, critical thought, and I believe many of us wonder if anything is being done. Maybe not on a huge, "let's save the world" scale, but at least with the little things.

It all starts with the little things. The cleanup of local rivers, recycling, protection of forests and wetlands, cutting back on automobile use, switching to more energy efficient light bulbs – many that you or I can do as individuals. Small-scale change is the only path toward large transformations and it is the people who band together with the intent to make a difference who spark that change.

Two years ago, Westfield State College took a step into that arena. Then acting President, Barry Maloney, signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), committing WSC to create a sustainability plan, the first task required under the ACUPCC's direction. In January 2008 the school began putting together a sustainability committee to write the plan; faculty members Bill Bickley, Marijoan Bull, Carsten Braun, Trudy Knowles, Curt Robie, and others volunteered to be on the committee and began working on the plan in the spring of that year.

What was initially supposed to be just the formation of policy later became the implementation of the sustainability plan. One of the first examples of this was the incandescent light bulb swap held at Parenzo Hall. People were encouraged to bring their ordinary bulbs to switch them for more energy efficient ones. The school also sanctioned an Earth Day fair, using the holiday as a launching pad for their new

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Troops march with Ethopian flag.

Return to Somalia

Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

The U.S. military presence on and around the Horn of Africa made headlines when on Monday September 14, Special Forces troops from the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) carried out a raid in southern Somalia. Deployed by helicopters launched from a U.S. warship off of the Somali coast, the Special Forces troops intercepted and engaged a convoy roughly 250 miles south of Mogadishu, the nation's capital.

One of the vehicles carried the Kenyan-born Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan, who U.S. government and intelligence officials suspected of involvement in the bombing of an Israeli-owned resort in Kenya and a simultaneous failed attempt to shoot down an Israeli passenger jet in 2002. They also believed Nabhan could have been connected to Al-Qaeda's 1998 bombings of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Nabhan was ranked high on the FBI's list of wanted terror suspects and was officially "wanted for questioning" over his possible role in the previously mentioned attacks. Nabhan will not be answering any of the FBI's questions. U.S. officials stated that Nabhan and at least four other militants were killed in Monday's raid. After spraying the vehicle carrying the men with gunfire from above, troops then landed briefly to retrieve Nabhan's body. From there it was flown back to the U.S. warship for identification.

Another major claim of U.S. officials is that Nabhan's presence in Somalia proved that the Pakistan-based Al-Qaeda was directly connected to Al-Shabab ("The Youth"), a Somali militant group that is trying to topple the Somali government and aims institute Sharia law. In response to the raid on September 14th, Sheikh Bare Mohamed Farah Khoje, a spokesperson for the group, told the press that Al-Shabab will continue to fight against the West while adding, "we are killing them and they are hunting us." The raid marked the first time that American ground forces have officially operated in Somalia since 1994. It was also the first official military action of any sort inside the country to be authorized by President Obama.

The relationship between the U.S. and Somalia is a long and complex one. Following the 1975 Marxist revolution in Ethiopia, a country that had been aligned with the U.S. in the Cold War against the Soviet Union, the U.S. shifted its support to Somali dictator Siad Barre (who was at the time still being backed by the Soviets). From 1977, the year that Barre invaded Ethiopia and the Soviets cut off their aid, until 1989, the U.S. sent nearly $1 billion in aid to his

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Campus Wide

12 p.m - Women's soccer vs. Bridgewater

7 p.m. - Illustionist Mike Super; Winner of NBC's "Phenomenon"
Dever Auditorium

8:30 p.m. - Movie. "Taking of Pelham 123"
Ely Main Lounge

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1 p.m. - Patriots vs. Falcons
Ely Main Lounge

3 p.m. - Faculty Recital Amanda Burr, Violin and Lillian Pearson, Piano
Dever Auditorium

8:30 p.m. - Movie, "Taking of Pelham 123"
Ely Main Lounge

Times columnist recognized at Westfield State

Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

New York Times journalist Frank Rich came to WSC on Monday, September 21. President Dobelle came up to the podium to speak first about higher public education at WSC. Then he introduced Frank Rich to the group of not only Westfield students, but also many people from the town of Westfield.

Rich graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard and was a senior writer for the New York Times from 1993-2004. He was an op-ed columnist and was a critic for Broadway sbows at one point. President Dobelle read some of his reviews and it seemed to be that Rich was a humorous man.

Dobelle said, "Whether we agree with Frank Rich or not he's always a great read, no one writes better."

He and Tom Gardner awarded Rich a diploma for all his talents and his work as a columnist and critic. They said that because of his works, he deserved recognition.

Rich began speaking and started off by saying that in 1992 he was a drama critic. He told a story about when he went to Madison Square Garden and met the director of the Democratic National Convention. This was the beginning of his political speech throughout the evening.

Photo courtesy of Vadim Kovalevich
Former *New York Times* Journalist Frank Rich

He then went on to say how President Obama has had to deal with many fictions about him and how former President Bush's administration has manipulated the media so mucb it sort of became a template for others.

The culture been taken over by "media-thon," as Rich refers to it. There are so many news sources now, he continues. The biggest vision in our culture isn't between red and blue anymore.

Rich goes on with stories starting in the late 1970's. Mini-series, like prime time soap operas, had become big. ABC was the number 3 network and needed ratings. It took the mini-series and tweaked it.

They took what was called "African American Experience" and turned it into a mini-series. ABC didn't think anyone wanted to see it, but it ended up becoming a phenomenal hit.

"People would leave their children on the lurch to go home and find out what happened with slavery," Rich said about the mini-series. The story, however, was actually fictionalized because ABC tweaked actual American history.

In 1991 another struggling network, CNN or "the chicken noodle network," needed ratings too. They decided to broadcast an actual event: the first Gulf War. It had their first theme music, logo, great graphics, and thousands of performers.

This show was an enormous hit, but oddly enough viewers never found anything out about the Gulf War.

After that, a new form of news was created and that's how we get news today. Following the Gulf War was the OJ Simpson trial and in the later 1990's John Kennedy Jr. tragic accident coverage. That story was also turned and twisted.

There are four things that Rich mentioned that changed media forever. Those are the arrival of the internet, the rise of cable, change in ownership, and networks were bought out by larger companies.

Rich also goes on to explain the differences between how the news works and how TV works. In news, the journalist goes out to get the facts, they write the story, and the editor decides what is important and where it goes in relation to other stories. In TV, there is speedy action, drama, the good guys vs. the bad guys; it is always trying to keep you hooked.

On September 11, 2001, there was tremendous fear that the media-thon would go full tilt with crazy rumors of other attacks and riots.

Rich's speech had a lot to do with politics in the media from way back in the 1970's to the present. He mentioned how he was at the Republican Convention in Minneapolis. The night ended with a question and answer period from the audience and Frank Rich gladly answering their questions.

Facebook 'fan check': an invasion of privacy?

Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

Nowadays, when people say they were talking to a wall, it doesn't mean that someone was ignoring them.

Facebook, the social networking site that over 321.1 million have joined, lets users believe that rather than having a face-to-face conversation; it is okay to "write on their wall" instead.

With so many people on Facebook, it is common to get a notification asking you to join a group, event or an application. The latest trend in Facebook applications has been "Fan Check." Fan Check is an application that lets people see who their top "fans" are based on who interacts with your page, unlike popular belief that it is based on who goes on your page the most.

Although a popular application, some people find that Fan Check is an invasion of privacy.

"Facebook is a site that subliminally forces us to shed our right to any sort of privacy in a desperate attempt to fit in the world" says David Riemer.

"To say that a specific app. on this site where everyone's already a voyeur in some regard is a violation of a right to privacy, I'd say estas loco."

Others find that the application is incredibly inaccurate. One Facebook user says in her caption "What? I don't even know these people."

Photo courtesy of softsailor.com
Facebook's logo

Another rumor that has been associated with the Fan Check application is that it contains a virus.

If you log on to the application or are even tagged in a Fan Check picture that you will get a virus in 48 hours time. Well don't worry Facebook users; PC Magazine assures you that application itself will not give you a virus.

But if you do go on a website that warns you about this virus then you may be subjected to getting one.

So go ahead, continue to check to see who is "creeping" on your wall, by next month a new "app" trend will be out. That is just the ever-changing world of Facebook for you.

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From the cheap seats

By: Matt Castonguay

Little more than two months ago, the sports world was a-buzz over Tom Watson, the 59 year-old golf legend who took everyone but Stewart Cink to the woodshed for 72 holes of The Open Championship.

Watson eventually finished second, but the headlines had already been made and his own legend inflated.

Last Sunday in New Hampshire, 50-year-old Mark Martin pulled into victory lane for a series high 5th time this year. All of this makes you think, there must be something in the water, if not the Centrum Silver.

While Watson's feat is incredible and nothing short of legendary, Mark Martin's run this year impresses me on another level.

I don't want to take anything away from Watson, but Mark Martin has been on another planet this year.

Martin, arguably the sports greatest driver to never win a title (or a Daytona 500), has a real shot at winning this years Chase for the Sprint Cup, NASCARs version of the playoffs. Coming into this past Sunday's race in Loudon, NH Martin was the number one seed in the chase standings and with the win, has opened up a 35 point lead with nine races to go.

Martin's five wins this season are not only two shy of matching a career high (seven in 1998) but the most in the series this year, one more than Kyle Busch's four.

The most impressive part of Martins run for the cup this season is that he shouldn't be here to do it.

Not because he's half a century old (or young) but because he actually retired from full time driving in 2005, complete with a named farewell tour and a teary-eyed press conference. Martin's retirement lasted only slightly longer than (either of) Brett Favre's.

Martin decided he wanted to run a limited schedule in 2006 but due to a NASCAR rule change, Roush did not have a home for him for that season. He ended up splitting time with Regan Smith at Ginn Racing in '06 and then in 2007, split time at DE! with Aric Almirola.

When Casey Mears left Hendrick Motorsports to pilot the No. 07 Jack Daniels chevy for Richard Childress racing, it opened up a golden opportunity for Martin.

Martin opened the season at Daytona as the sentimental favorite in the No. 5 Kellogg's chevy. By the end of April, he'd won his first race since the 2005 season.

He collected his second win at the Southern 500 in May,giving him his first multiple win season since 1999. So far he's tacked on three more.

While Watson's feat was incredible, his lasted a weekend. Martin's has lasted an entire season.

I know I'm probably going to catch some slack for saying that, but go ahead, bring it. Keep in mind that Martin is doing what he's doing at an age when most of us are calling for the state to collect his license.

I've got to say, I'm pulling for Mark Martin. I think everyone else is because its a great story.

For a guy who has won 40 career races and finished second or third in series points eight times, it just makes sense that he gets a title. Much like Dan Marino not getting a Super Bowl ring, it just wouldn't be right.

Guess it just goes to show, age is relative.

Photo courtesy of tennisgrandstand.com

Kim Clijsters

Williams' outburst cost her match

Caitlin Handcock
Voice Reporter

Kim Clijsters' talents and perseverance go unnoticed due to Serena Williams' wild reaction to poor plays and challenging calls.

The semifinal match set between Serena Williams, US athlete ranked number two, and Kim Clijsters, Belgium athlete who was unranked, had started off slow. After a rain delay of a full 32 hours the weather let up and the athletes began to play.

Williams lost the first set 6-4 with both women showing tremendous talent. Williams decided to show her frustration by hitting her racquet hard and breaking it. Williams was warned for a code violation but both players got mentally prepared to play the next round.

Again Clijsters lead the set 6-5 and Williams served on 15-30 in favor of Clijsters. Williams faulted on her first serve. On her second serve the line judge called her on a foot fault, meaning Williams' foot had gone over the white line. This double fault gave Clijsters the lead 40-15.

Williams became furious. She made a comment that related to her shoving the tennis ball down the throat of the line judge. Everyone gets angry and different people show it in different ways, but you can't threaten someone. However, on the other hand, the line judge took it too far as well.

The line judge was asked by the chair judge to repeat what Williams had said to her. As if things weren't already escalated, the line judge shared with the other judges and rule officials that Williams had threaten to kill her. Williams argued that she hadn't said that and she could have said much worse then what she actually did. Granted Williams did not use the word kill in her threat but a tennis ball down the throat might actually kill someone.

Williams was charged a point therefore awarding Clijsters with the winning point and both women shook hands as though the match had ended without the verbal fireworks.

I say awarding Clijsters because this match was not given to her, nor was it just handed to her. She fought against one of the best tennis players in the game. The fact is, Williams was on her way to losing the match. She was down in the set and down in the match. I'm not saying she couldn't have made a comeback. That's what everyone is hoping for; a well played close match. I'm saying Clijsters gave Williams a run for her money and she deserved to win even if this may not have been how she deserved to win. Yet still, people see this match as "Serena's flip-out" more then Clijsters win.

Williams can get frustrated with how she was playing and she can loose both her patience and temper with challenging calls. Line judges can over exaggerate heated moments but In the end it comes down to this: Kim Clijsters outwit, out played, and outlasted Serena Williams and she deserves the attention that should come from playing better then the number two tennis athlete.

The Westfield Voice is looking for sports journalists!

If you are interested please email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu or stop by the office - Ely 215 - over Jazzmans Cafe!

As always, The Westfield Voice is also looking for general journalists or freelance submissions.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday nights at 5:30p.m.

Burress to serve two years

L.A. Times

Former Super Bowl hero Plaxico Burress apologized to his family and tearfully kissed his pregnant wife and young son goodbye Tuesday before he was led away to prison in New York to begin serving a two-year sentence on a weapons charge.

Burress, at the time a star receiver with the New York Giants, was at the Latin Quarter nightclub in Manhattan in November when a .40-caliber gun tucked into his waistband slipped down his leg and fired, wounding him in the thigh.

Burress arrived in the courtroom Tuesday wearing jeans and a long-sleeved T-shirt, a stark contrast to the dark blue suit he wore last month when he entered his guilty plea.

He was accompanied by his pregnant wife, Tiffany; his 2-year-old son, Elijah; his father, grandmother and stepmother.

Burress told Judge Michael Melkonian before sentencing: "I want to apologize to my family."

With time off for good behavior, Burress, 32, probably will serve 20 months. He could be released from prison as early as the spring of 2011 and will be monitored an additional two years after he is freed.

Michael Strahan, a former Giants teammate who is now an NFL television analyst, used his Twitter account to support Burress: "My Thoughts and Prayers are with my man Plaxico and his family today!!!"

The Giants, through spokesman Pat Hanlon, said, "This has been a tragic, sad, disappointing situation from the beginning. Our concern has always been for Plax's welfare, and for his family, and that continues to be our overriding feeling."

Burress' big moment with the Giants was when he caught the winning touchdown pass against the previously undefeated New England Patriots in the last minute of the 2008 Super Bowl.

The Giants released Burress in April, but he told ESPN he hopes to resume his NFL career when his sentence is over.

"When I get out, I'll be 33, not 43," Burress said in an interview broadcast in August. "I'll still be able to run and catch. I'll still have the God-given ability to snag footballs; that's what I love to do. Of course, I want to play again."

BEAT The JERK

It was a tough week last week for the Jerk. 7-9 is nothing to be proud of. Congratulations to Matthew Harrington, last weeks winner.

Here are the Jerk's picks for Week 3:

Detroit over Chicago
Cleveland over Cincinnati
Indianapolis over Seattle
Giants over Kansas City
Baltimore over New England
Tampa Bay over Washington
Tennessee over Jacksonville
Houston over Oakland
New Orleans over NY Jets
Buffalo over Miami
San Francisco over St. Louis
Dallas over Denver
Pittsburgh over San Diego
Minnesota over Green Bay

If you think you have what it takes to beat my picks, send yours to jerkasaurusrex27@yahoo.com and who ever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice. Good Luck!

How to play? It's simple. All you have to do is pick more games correctly than the Jerk. The person with the most correct picks will win a prize.
Tie-breaker will go to the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received. Good Luck!

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The angry liberal

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Seven former heads of the Central Intelligence Agency sent a letter to President Obama late last week.

These seven men, who worked in the CIA during both Republican and Democratic administrations, asked the president to stop the probe into accusations that the CIA may have abused prisoners.

They argued in the letter that the "risk-taking" was "vital to success in the long and difficult fight against the terrorists."

If "risk-taking" means abuse, then no, it is not possible that it was "vital" to the fight against terrorism. Now, I hate terrorist actions just as much as any other American, but alleged terrorists or not, prisoners do not deserve to be tortured.

No doubt the former CIA heads are loyal to the agency and because of this, their opinions are biased. Hence, they really do not have a place to request that the investigation be called off.

There are those who would argue that these former heads know best because they have been involved with the CIA and know how it works, but that is precisely why they should stay out of it.

Although these seven men are former members of the CIA, they still served in the organization and are too close to it.

Their letter was useless, however, as President Obama said he would not get in the way of the law.

He explained that "nobody is above the law" and remained firm in a decision to stay out of the investigation.

However, Obama did say that that it was not a "criminal investigation."

If it was not a criminal investigation, then is no one to punished if more information surfaces about the abuse of prisoners?

Clearly, it is a criminal investigation and a necessary one. America's foundation is built upon the ideals of freedom, democracy, and civil liberties.

This country cannot profess those values if prisoners are being tortured or abused all in the name of safety.

Again, I'll reiterate that I hate terrorism just as much as any American, but I also hate when officials, government or otherwise, stomp on the ideals of American life by using the excuse of "protecting" the country.

The Bush Administration did this and look where that got the country: a messy war in Iraq.

There is no doubt that a War on Terror is necessary at this time.

However, if Americans are fighting terrorism abroad to protect democracy and American ideals, then they can certainly fight at home to do the same thing.

This begins with holding leaders, even former CIA heads and current CIA members, accountable to the law, which is one of those precious American ideals.

Westfield ups it's efforts

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environmentally aware stance, which served as a nice follow-up to the "Think Green" day they had in October 2007.

According to Bull, the committee has been busy implementing sustainable behavior at WSC with several new policies and activities, even though, because of the recent economic downturn, she said, "funding is tight."

They have increased the number of recycling containers across campus, including single stream bins, which are used for all types – paper, plastic, aluminum, glass and are separated when they reach the recycling plant.

Bull also talked of a proposed bicycle plan that would make the bike commute from WSC to downtown Westfield more accessible and enjoyable.

Some other changes are the now trayless dining commons, which is a somewhat controversial matter and the April fair that coincides with Earth Day, planned to be a perennial event at the college.

She says that maintaining awareness is important and that events like the Earth Day fair are good for spreading the sustainability bug.

Braun agrees with this notion, but believes that the school doesn't do a well enough job making people aware of these actions.

He said, "[The school] should issue press releases. Make a big deal about these things."

He also talks about all of the things that have been done that no one has even noticed: the outdoor lights are now more LED efficient, they are replacing fluorescent bulbs in many of the buildings, the school even uses "bio paint" – all small, but significant changes.

The larger modes of sustainability action could be on the horizon, like a new power plant and using the school owned property by South lot as a solar panel field.

Furthermore, Braun sees carbon offsetting as a "perfectly viable opportunity" for WSC and would spread news of the school's activities beyond Massachusetts, even beyond New England.

It all comes back to awareness. Educating the students and faculty, creating an on-campus environment that eats, sleeps, and breathes sustainability, "that's the challenge," he said.

Not just talking about it and making some changes here and there – actually living it.

So far, so good.

And if WSC keeps progressing forward with this, who knows what kind of change they can induce.

In the crazy, chaotic, environmentally and economically unsound world, it's good to see that a small college is taking small steps to make people more aware.

We can only hope that other schools will do the same.

Editor's Desk

Ah, I know most people wont understand why I am so completely hyped up about our new program -Indesign- here at The Voice, but honestly, I am SO excited.

Indesign is a page designers DREAM!

Let's talk about the parking situation at this school. I, a senior, have a main lot pass. Supposedly, havng a main lot sticker is supposed to ensure that you have close parking to whatever dorm/apt. building you live in. If only this was the case! Today, I am parked behind Lammers, but that is only after I spent close to twenty minutes circling the campus, counting the amount of cars that DON'T belong in main lot.

Is anyone else having this problem? If so, please, write to The Voice! Get your opinion out about the parking situation at the school, or anything else that might interest you!

Yippee for tomorrow being Thursday! It's lovely having no classes on Fridays!

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Blood Drive

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This week in Music History

The Beatles
Abbey Road
September 1969

A whopping forty years ago, the 60s decade faded out with the release of "Abbey Road," one of the final releases of English rock pioneers The Beatles. "Abbey Road" was the Beatles' second-to-last album, but was recorded after the majority of "Let it Be," their final album before their break-up.

The track list of "Abbey Road" has been covered extensively by many other artists, proving its massive influence on the music world along with the rest of the Beatles' discography.

The album covers many topics and directions that cannot possibly be deciphered in one listen. The album starts with "Come Together," a John Lennon track about Timothy Leary's unsuccessful campaign for Governor of California against Ronald Reagan. It then takes a completely different direction with the George Harrison-penned ballad, "Something."

"Octopus's Garden" is a truly "out-there" fantasy tune by drummer Ringo Starr that has become one of my personal favorites. Only the second song Starr ever wrote, it was inspired by a story told to him by a boat captain about how octopuses collect stones with which they build gardens at the bottom of the sea. It is the perfect way to relieve stress if you take the time to listen closely to the song and appreciate its meaning.

If you think the Beatles are overrated, listen to "I Want You (She's So Heavy)." This song completely captivates listeners in a trance in a near-eight-minute progressive hard rock track with a lyrical selection of only fourteen different words. This may sound like a terrible idea, but it works out perfectly. The music is a magnet and the mind is a metal when it comes to this song, and it's easy to get so into the song that you might be caught off guard by its abrupt ending.

Not only is the song hypnotic and entrancing, but the individual efforts from each band member is astounding (yes, even Ringo). An ironic fact worth mentioning is that this song signifies the abrupt ending of the Beatles, as this was the final group effort in a studio by the band.

Despite being the final Beatles recording, "I Want You" did not close out the album. That distinction goes to the "Abbey Road Medley," which consists of tracks nine through seventeen on the album. Each individual track is under or around the two minute mark and flow together seamlessly as one song.

The late, great George Harrison's contributions to "Something," "Octopus's Garden," "Here Comes the Sun," and "I Want You (She's So Heavy)" are good examples of how underrated Harrison was as a guitarist. While Harrison was not burning through frets with thousand-notes-per-minute solos, he did not need to. Every guitar note by Harrison on "Abbey Road" is essential and meaningful; there is nothing extravagant or unneeded. Whether the song is the airy ballad "Something" or the low, grooving "I Want You" or the cheerful "Here Comes the Sun," Harrison's guitar work complimented the lyrics and helped them become more than songs. These songs became an experience beyond words and music, and left a legacy that is still being talked about and purchased in stores forty years later.

The Beatles - Abbey Road 40th Anniversary

Where are they now?
Unfortunately John Lennon was murdered in 1980 and George Harrison died of lung cancer in 2001. The two surviving Beatles, McCartney and Starr, are continuously working to bring their music to the masses. The entire Beatles catalogue was rereleased in early September in the form of a remastered boxed set, and the remastered versions can also be purchased individually. On the same day, a second boxed set was released: "The Beatles in Mono."

In August, Paul McCartney wrapped up a summer tour that included two back-to-back nights at Fenway Park in Boston. Starr and McCartney collaborated with Olivia Harrison, Yoko Hono and Harmonix to promote The Beatles Rock Band video game, and provide creative input to ensure its authenticity.

Harmonix says they want a revolution; all you need is Beatles' Rock Band

Franny Zupancic
A&E Editor

If a search for "music rhythm video games" was conducted in the sixties, the results would equal zero. A search for any video games at all would be unlikely to produce too many results. In a dramatic jump forward in time from the dark ages of gaming, the biggest band of the sixties star in their own video game: The Beatles' Rock Band.

Boasting a soundtrack and gameplay far better than old-school "Pong" players could ever dream, The Beatles' Rock Band pulls players into an immersive, chronological, and educational trip through the career of the Fab Four.

The gameplay and features are familiar enough to its predecessors in the Rock Band and Guitar Hero series, but foreign enough to warrant the sixty dollar price tag as a standalone game. Purchase-worthy features include dreamscape sequences: computer-generated concept art to truly bring to life the fantasies of songs like "I Am the Walrus," "Octopus' Garden," and "Here Comes the Sun." Another exclusive feature is the support for up to three vocals with harmony.

The game features venues of significance to the band's career, such as Shea Stadium, Abbey Road Studios, and the Apple Corps rooftop. When playing at each venue, the Beatles characters have an appearance to correspond with the venue's location on their career's timeline. Young, clean-shaven Beatles play on the set of the Ed Sullivan Show, while shaggy-bearded-Beatles play upon the rooftop of Apple Corps Headquarters.

The game was released in a special edition bundle with authentic replicas of the Beatles' instruments, such as McCartney's Hofner violin bass. The suggested retail price of this bundle is $249.99, but the standalone game disc can be purchased for $60 and is compatible with Rock Band and Guitar Hero controllers.

The production of The Beatles Rock Band involved input from surviving members Sir Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, and also Yoko Ono and Olivia Harrison, the widows of John Lennon and George Harrison, respectively. 45 songs are included on the game disc and there are plans in motion for three full albums to be released monthly as downloadable content. Abbey Road is scheduled for release on October 20, and Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band will follow in November. The albums will include specific venue associations for gameplay and new Dreamscape sequences.

This is a perfect way to educate gamers of the history of the world's most popular band--arguably--but it is not 100% accurate. The Beatles' representations are somewhat 'cartoony' rather than aiming for a completely life-like depiction, and there are some inconsistencies such as Ringo Starr appearing behind the drum kit for "Back in the U.S.S.R." (McCartney manned the drums for this song following a temporary departure from the group by Starr.) However, for a video game, it's pretty damn good. The Beatles' Rock Band is a 'ticket to play' through music history, and one can only hope that Harmonix follows up with similar games for bands like the Rolling Stones or Pink Floyd.

McCartney: The long and winding road ends at Fenway

Ivan Cordero
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I know I'll never get the chance to see The Beatles live, but when Paul came to town I felt like I came pretty close to it after watching him perform at Fenway Park in Boston, Mass. on Thursday night.

The place was absolutely packed with fans. He kicked off the evening just before 8 p.m. and played for two and a half hours. McCartney mostly played Beatles songs, and performed mostly on bass, but he did mix it up on the guitar and piano throughout the evening.

He started off the show playing "Drive My Car," and then "Jet." He mixed up his set with songs from The Beatles and some from Wings. Everyone was digging his tunes, but people were absolutely going nuts for his Beatles songs.

He included a little jam of "Foxy Lady" by Jimi Hendrix and also played "Something" which was originally sung by George Harrison. The song was played with a slide show running in the background featuring pictures Harrison with Paul and The Beatles which served as a tribute to the late artist.

At the end of his set he played a beautiful rendition of "Live and Let Die," complete with a fireworks display, and it was absolutely amazing. Then he played "Hey Jude." At the end of the piano-driven tune he stood up for the whole crowd and everyone was up singing the La-La-la-la part. We were all singing for a long time until finally he went back to finish the song.

Completely satisfied and mind blown, I thought the show was already great. But then Paul came out for more. After "Hey Jude" he came out for an encore and played "Day Tripper," "Lady Madonna," and "I Saw Her Standing There."

He then came out for a second encore and played "Yesterday," "Get Back," "Helter Skelter," and "Sgt. Pepper/The End."

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Confessions of an MTV Intern

James Dinh
Voice Reporter

They say if you can make it in New York City, you can make it anywhere. More specifically, I make my way on the 1 train from the South Ferry Station to Chambers St. where I take the Express and arrive at 42nd St. also known as Time Square. That's subway lingo for the route I take to get to MTV. My name is James Dinh. I'm 21 years old and living in the city for the first half of my senior year. For the next few months, I'll be chronicling the ins and outs as I intern at MTV News in the Big Apple.

Talk about an exciting start. It began with the much anticipated MTV Video Music Awards which finally made its way back to New York. I've watched the show for years so when I heard I'd have the chance to work the ceremony, I was thrilled. This year was huge for some of my favorites including Britney, Lady GaGa and Beyoncé and I was going to be on site! How crazy is that? My usual Sunday night of the ceremony is spent at home with BFF, Chelsea, and a bag of junk food as we gossip over which nominee should have won. This year was a just a tad different. I worked alongside production assistants helping with various tasks before, during and after the awards. I didn't get to actually watch the show but I did get to be a spectator to the rich and famous as they walked by during the red carpet

pre-show. I got home around 1:30AM and can say it was probably one of the most rewarding nights that I've ever experienced.

Aside from the big night including Kanye's oh so rude stage invasion, I was also given the opportunity to attend a pre-screening of a film and blog about it. The movie was called 'Paranormal Activity' and probably the scariest thing I've seen in years. It might be just a limited release but I'm sure the cinema in North Hampton will show it. It's definitely a must see. My past few nights have been restless and fear-filled, but it was totally worth it. Writing is something that I really want to dive into while inteming here. Who needs sleep when my work has been published by MTV News? Certainly not me. Later in the week, I had the opportunity to sit in on an interview with David Boreanaz AKA Mr. Bones. I've never watched his show but he was really friendly to the crew.

As the week progressed, I was also offered to get involved in a lot of production assistant type work. I've never really had too much experience in things like editing but I'm pretty computer savvy so I think I'll catch on quickly especially with the engaging staff. The welcoming atmosphere is what I like most about MTV News. There's a dynamic that is just kickass. I love what I've done so far and with that, here's hopes to an awesome semester!

For more on MTV and to check out my Paranormal Activity blog, log onto MTVNews.com.
http://moviesblog.mtv.com/2009/09/16/paranormal-activity-creeps-out-the-mtv-news-intems/

Top 10 Albums (Billboard)
1. Jay Z - The Blueprint 3
2. Miley Cyrus - The Time of Our Lives (EP)
3. Whitney Houston - I Look to You
4. Raekwon - Only Built 4 Cuban Linx... P...
5. Brooks & Dunn - #1s...And Then Some
6. Trey Songz - Ready
7. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.
8. Boys Like Girls - Love Drunk
9. Kings of Leoo - Only by the Night
10. Taylor Swift - Fearless

Top 10 Singles (Billboard)
1. The Black Eyed Peas - I Got a Feeling
2. Jay Sean ft. Lil Wayne - Down
3. Miley Cyrus - Party in the U.S.A.
4. Jay Z, Rihanna, & Kanye West - Run this Town
5. Kings of Leon - Use Somebody
6. Taylor Swift - You Belong With Me
7. Jason DeRulo - Watcha Say
8. Mariah Carey - Obsessed
8. Pitbull - Hotel Room Service
10. Cobra Starship ft. Leighton Meester - Good Girls Go Bad

Weekend Box Office Sales
1. Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
2. The Informant!
3. Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself
4. Love Happens
5. Jennifer's Body

Upcoming Video Games
1. FIFA 10
2. Zombie Apocalypse
3. Need for Speed: SHIFT
4. Halo 3: ODST
5. AION: Tower of Etemity

Upcoming CD Releases
1. Jay Z - The Blueprint 3
2. Mariah Carey - Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel
3. Brand New - Daisy
4. Muse - The Resistance
5. Nelly Furtado - Mi Plan

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Ghosts of Girlfriends Past
2. Paranormal State: Demon Investigations
3. Observe and Report
4. Ugly Betty: Season 3
5. 30 Rock: Season 3

This Week's Rock Band Content (Harmonix)
1. Pearl Jam - Gonna See My Friend
2. Pearl Jam - Got Some
3. Pearl Jam - The Fixer
4. Pearl Jam - Johnny Guitar
5. Pearl Jam - Just Breathe
6. Pearl Jam - Amoogst the Waves
7. Pearl Jam - Unthought Known
8. Pearl Jam - Supersonic
9. Pearl Jam - Speed of Sound
10. Pearl Jam - Force of Nature
11. Pearl Jam - The End

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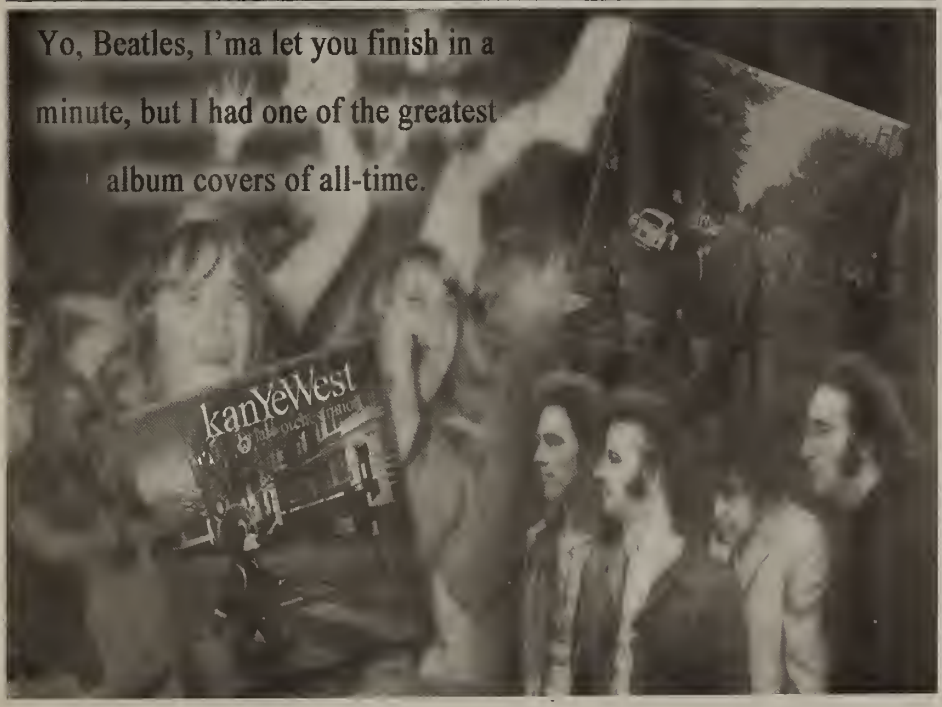

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Special Forces in Somalia

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regime. In return, he allowed the U.S. to operate from bases that were originally constructed for the Soviets back when the country's Cold War alignment was the opposite way.

By 1991, Barre's government had collapsed and Somalia was in chaos. Despite the international effort through two separate United Nations missions (the latter of which included the Battle of Mogadishu that left 18 American soldiers and hundreds of Somali fighters loyal to the warlord Mohammad Aideed dead) spanning the years of 1992 through 1995, Somalia has been in chaos ever since.

In December 2006, at the behest of the Bush administration, Ethiopia invaded Somalia in order to topple the newly established government of the Islamic Courts Union (ICU). Fearing that Somalia was becoming a haven for militants, the Bush administration urged Ethiopia to take action. As the Ethiopian Army advanced on Mogadishu, American AC-130 gunships shelled ICU positions. The ICU's resistance collapsed and Ethiopia began an occupation that lasted until this past January. After losing nearly a thousand soldiers in a war extremely unpopular amongst Ethiopians, the last troops were on their way back to Ethiopia when Barack Obama became President of the United States. It was reported earlier this summer that they had once again entered Somalia and set checkpoints near a handful of villages along the border between the two countries, a move reflecting concern for border security rather than intervention.

The Ethiopian occupation contributed to a particular embarrassing result for U.S. policy makers. Removed from power, the ICU fragmented. Emerging from it was Al-Shabab, the fundamentalist militia now occupying vast swaths of southern and central Somalia. In retrospect, at least in some aspects, Al-Shabab makes the ICU look like moderates in comparison.

The Obama administration apparently agrees. The current President of Somalia, Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, is none other than the former head of the ICU. Since the Obama administration took office, they have sent at least two separate arms shipments to a government described by one Somali official as being "scared and witless."

Gun battles occur regularly on the streets of Mogadishu. Since 2006, at least 18,000 Somalis have been killed and hundreds of thousands more displaced. The 4,300 African Union peacekeepers deployed in Mogadishu have been unable to reestablish order in the capital. They've increasingly come under attack themselves and fought alongside government troops even over the summer. In late June, Sheikh Ahmed's government sent an urgent plea for military support to the Ethiopian and Kenyan governments.

Neither government was willing to send their soldiers into the Somali quagmire. In Ethiopia, there was no public, political, or military support for another intervention and occupation. Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi summed up the national mood best perhaps when he said, "We don't want to be the horse taking the chestnut out of the fire and then being whipped by everyone and his grandmother." Al-Shabab went on the verbal offensive against Kenya by threatening to carry out terrorist attacks in Nairobi. With a large contingent of U.S. troops deployed in nearby Djibouti and both Ethiopia and Kenya allowing the U.S. to use their territory in the war on terror, it us understandable that both governments had no desire to risk bringing the fighting inside of Somalia across the border into their own countries.

Photo submitted by Mike Brill

The future of Somalia, one of the world's pre-eminent "failed states," does not appear to be a bright one. As is demonstrated by Al-Shabab's control over much of the country and the pirates operating along the coast, the Somali government's authority does not extend far beyond several blocks of Mogadishu. The international community is alarmed but other than sending warships to patrol the coast against pirates, understandably, like Ethiopia and Kenya, no country wants to send troops to directly support the Somali government in the face of a growing insurgency. For America, the memory of dead American soldiers being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu will not be forgotten. However, as we have seen, events in the first decade of the 21st century have contributed to bringing about a renewed American military interest in Somalia, and for that matter, an expanded interest in the African continent as a whole.

Within the past two years, the United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) became the newest independent command in the U.S. military network that blankets the globe. Along with supporting Ethiopia's invasion of Somalia, President Bush authorized Tomahawk cruise missile strikes against Al-Shabab targets and suspected Al-Qaeda leaders there in 2007 and 2008.

President Bush also authorized a raid targetting a brother-in-law of Osama bin Laden's when the Al-Qaeda financier visited Madagascar of all places in January of 2007.

The September 14th raid by U.S. Special Forces in Somalia adds to the long list of countries in which the U.S. military has operated over the past several years.

As Seymour Hersh's article on the this subject from earlier in the year demonstrates, there is also an equally long if not longer list of countries that have been the locations of raids kept classified from the public. For Somalia, though Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan is gone, the fact that U.S. counterterrorism officials believe that "Al-Shabab's leadership is increasingly linked to al-Qaeda" could lead President Obama to authorize further raids and strikes in the future.

Alcohol awareness on the Westfield State College campus

Dan Drexler
Voice Reporter

This is the time of year that definitely has students and faculty excited about the start of a new semester, and for some this is a brand new experience.

One can almost feel an electric charge in the air as the campus is busy with students getting acquainted with old friends and making new ones.

It can also be a stressful time as students are trying to find their classrooms, getting used to dormitory life, and trying to establish a comfortable routine.

It is this kind of stress that unfortunately leads some students to partake in one level or another of alcohol consumption.

Many students consider it a rite of passage or an entitlement, with the idea being that drinking is to be an expected behavior on campus.

Not only is this wrong in the sense that it is illegal to consume alcohol under 21 years of age, but many students are not aware of the dangers to their health that could be a result of these actions.

According to www.collegedrinkingprevention.com, over 1,400 college students across the country die each year as a result of acute alcohol poisoning.

This alarming statistic is further troubling in that many of these deaths could have been prevented with better alcohol awareness programs.

There are reports of many colleges and universities downplaying these tragic events in an effort to avoid negative publicity. These facts were confirmed by Patricia Berube, Director of Health Services at Westfield State.

Although her department is aware of the problem of alcohol abuse on campus, due to budget constraints, the resident assistants have assumed a bulk of the responsibility of enforcing the schools code of conduct

Ms. Berube stated that for a first alcohol offense, there is a one hundred dollar fine, along with several hours of campus/community service. A second offense will result in dormitory eviction, with a possible academic suspension.

After being aware of what the consequences can be, anyone with a little common sense should realize that it is just not worth it to take a chance of ruining their school career, and possibly losing their life, as well.

Ms. Berube expressed it nicely when she said," Many lives have been lost, and many more damaged by the ravages of alcohol abuse, and unfortunately the problem will always be around to some extent, but if we keep up with educating our students on this matter and give support where it is needed, things will work out for the best." One couldn't agree with her more!

In the chance that a person does find themselves struggling with a problem or if they suspect they may have a problem, help is also available just by calling the local AA hotline at 532-2111. This service is available twenty-four hours a day.

They are there to listen to you, and to try and direct you to the nearest meeting or health service. Many lives have been saved due to their timely advice and assistance.

Having the opportunity to attend college is a unique privilege not available to everybody, and it would be a tragic loss to a student, as well as the entire campus community if this privilege were lost due to alcohol abuse.

The information is available. Please take advantage of it and be able to enjoy your life along with the valuable experience of attaining a college degree.

Student of the Week

Name: Phong Ly
Junior, Liberal Arts Major

What would your last meal be?
It would sautéed lobster in butter with garlic, topped off with sautéed scallions and onions, topped off with a little bit of pepper from Sicily and a glass of wine.

If you were stuck on a deserted island with just one item, what would it be?
Batman's utility belt because like Jesus, it can do anything.

If you live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Richard Gere because he's the most famous Buddhist in the World and he has class and classic good looks.

If you could have any profession in the world, what would it be?
Food critic, because it would expose me to different cultures and I would also get to travel and basically because food is very exciting. You never know what you're going to get. It's like a box of chocolates.

Advertise yourself:
"AWESOME." That explains everything. That's what I am and what I strive to be.

Favorite childhood show?
Goosebumps. Because it was when I finally realized you do not need to read books to acquire knowledge. You can just watch TV.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?
I'd live in China because no one would ever find me.

What's your favorite Beatles song?
Revolution, because the number one reason for health problems in the United States is attributed to stress. "Don't you know it's goona be, alright..."

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

He's back from Hawaii

Robert McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Aloha! I mean what's up Westfield.

I am back on campus and it's a mixture of feelings but overall I love Westfield State. I am starting to get a dose of what I liked most about this college when I first considered it as my school of choice freshman year. The campus is beautiful. If you are like me you are also thinking in your head "I really want a strawberry banana smoothie from Jazzmans."

I have a certain longing to be back in Hawaii but both here and Hawaii have their perks. Coming back to school has been quite a transition. There are a lot of elements to college that I didn't anticipate while away. Going from freshman to junior is one of the things I had to come to grips with.

As a freshman, everything I did was above and beyond but not now as a junior I feel like it is expected to be involved with clubs, be a better athlete, and working a job and having an internship are must haves. As far as socially, it has been fun seeing all the people I knew from freshman year around campus again. I get the inevitable "how was Hawaii?" and I ponder to myself "how can I sum up my year in Hawaii during a meet and greet?" I love to talk about my Hawaiian experiences. It's weird being the kid that older kids took under their wing, to the upperclassman that's supposed to be doing the same. Without that sophomore year buffer zone I feel like I have been unprepared for such a thing.

As far as academics goes, freshman year first semester is supposed to be your hardest semester, so I was told. I did well during that time and now am faced with five business classes, very specific to my major and I believe that this semester is paramount. I also am working a work study job at the Career Center and working at Honey Dew on the Pike. Trying to find time for clubs and intramurals is becoming a hard act to juggle while working.

I enjoyed coming back to this campus and getting to experience all the great bells and whistles that have been added to the campus in my absence. As I type this article, I am utilizing our wireless internet under a tree on the green. As I take a panoramic gaze I see large televisions placed around on buildings which give me a heads up on important and not so important updates. Parenzo Gym has a nice new floor which I have taken advantage of by fitting basketball into my schedule around 9 p.m. If you would like to match skills with this Westfield Voice writer I suggest playing around that time. The dining common has gone tray less and I for one, am not a big fan of it. I crave to walk into the DC one day and have a tray handed to me with "Papa Smurf" scratched into its hard surface. I am "that kid" that dabbles with a little bit of everything that the DC has to offer.

I don't want to sell my food experience short by not getting to enjoy what is on the menu on a given day. I hope we are saving the world with this switch because it doesn't benefit my daily routine. I haven't utilized Dunkin Donuts as much as I would have thought. This year is different in the sense that instead of trying to join every club, I am trying to start a club. It will be a Sky Diving Club, which waits to be approved due to logistics and formalities.

I went sky diving in Hawaii and fell in love with it. I wanted to bring that passion to the campus of WSC so that others may know what the experience is like. I also like how I can see the people I orientated during the summer as an orientation leader. I did it during the summer of freshman year but then went to away for the year and never got see them. I now am able to see those students from freshman as well the students from this past summer.

So as far as being back on campus is a fun and new experience that I have embraced.

Editor's Desk

It's so crazy to think that next week is the beginning of October is next week, which marks a month until my favorite holiday ever: Halloween. I just love everything about autumn. There's nothing better than drinking hot apple cider, admiring the changing leaves and thinking about my Halloween costume possibilities.

On a more mentally focused note, we've now put out three editions of The Westfield Voice and we want to hear what you think! Feel free to send e-mails to thevoice@wsc.ma.edu. Criticize us, send us some love or give us some good ideas. We're totally open to hear your thoughts and we want this paper to be written for the Westfield State community, so if you want to hear about it, let us know!

Well, I hope everyone has a fabulous weekend. We'll be looking out for your feedback.

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Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Some financial situations could be starting to undergo some changes for you and your partner at this time, and things might seem a little hard to sort out. You ought to be able to come up with a few interesting new financial plans.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
A few difficulties with partners could be popping up. Don't worry though. Most problems should be easily resolved and your most important relationships should end up benefiting from the challenges placed before you.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
Be careful that you don't get carried away and end up overdoing things a bit too much right now. Be aware of a tendency to have too negative an attitude this week since conflicts could easily arise. If you remain open minded, things will smooth over more easily.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You could find yourself having to deal with a few difficult encounters where loved ones are concerned, but don't worry. As long as you remember to maintain a positive attitude, things should be starting to lighten up quite a bit for you.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
This week could present you with a few challenges, particularly on the home front. It could be a good time to let go of a few things that may have been bothering. Just remember that holding on to things is only likely to make matters worse. Once the air is clear, you'll feel much better.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You could end up being quite busy this week, and don't be surprised if you find yourself having to deal with a few delays or misunderstandings along the way. Just try to keep your head up. Things should be turning around for you before the end of the week.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
This week promises some new financial beginnings for you. A few interesting opportunities could be headed your way. But even if some things might still seem a little hard to sort out, don't worry. You should find many things starting to clear up quite a bit before the week is through.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Most of your endeavors should be well favored at this time. Your personal charisma could really be on the rise as well. Your positive attitude should enable you to have a lot of fun and many promising new opportunities could be headed your way.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You should have the opportunity to have some interesting new insights at the moment. But you could also be feeling a little in the dark at times and there could be a bit of confusion to deal with when it comes to a variety of different matters.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Most things really ought to end up going fairly smoothly for you and your agenda is bound to be filled with a variety of different friends and activities. You could be coming across quite a few interesting opportunities before the week is through.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You might be feeling really charged up this week, and the pace of life should be starting to pick up quite a bit for you right now. You could be able to make quite a good impression on people at this time.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
You can probably expect to be feeling a little confused when it comes to certain romantic matters right now. And if you find yourself presented with a few challenging situations this week, just remember to try to remain as flexible as possible.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Personal Greek Pizza

1 lb of bakery dough (it comes in a plastic bag at the deli)
1 bag of shredded Mozzarella cheese
1 can of regular tomato sauce
1 red bell pepper
1 tomato, sliced or chunked
Feta cheese

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees
2. Sprinkle a cutting board with some flour so the dough won't stick
3. Roll the dough out with a rolling pin about ½ inch thick
4. Spread the tomato sauce onto the dough
5. Cut up the bell pepper into slices, also cut the tomato
6. Place them on top of the sauce.
8. Sprinkle the cheese on top (as little or as much as you like)
9. Optional: if you are using feta cheese, sprinkle it along with the Mozzarella cheese
10. Put the pizza onto a flat cookie sheet for a softer crust, if you like the crust crunchy, place it directly on top of oven racks.
11. Cook for 30 minutes.
12. ENJOY!!

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McChrystal's Assessment; Obama's Choice

Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

General Stanley McChrystal's recently declassified assessment on the war in Afghanistan is a grim one. The general writes, "Despite the best efforts of GIRoA [Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan] and ISAF [International Security Assistance Force], the insurgents currently have the initiative." Obtained by the *Washington Post's* Bob Woodward and made available on the newspaper's web site on Sunday September 20th, the general's 66-page assessment was addressed to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and dated August 30th. General McChrystal's assessment of the failing eight-year old war in Afghanistan comes at the same time as the Obama administration is debating what America's future course of action should be.

"Failure to gain the initiative and reverse insurgent momentum in the near-term (next 12 months) - while Afghan security matures - risks an outcome where defeating the insurgency is no longer possible," declares General McChrystal in the introduction of his assessment.

Photo courtesy of the Department of Defense
President Obama meeting with General Stanley McChrystal at the White House on May 19, 2009.

The Taliban and other insurgent groups currently control an estimated 55% of Afghanistan and are able to operate in most of the country. In his report, the general indirectly states that Operation Khanjar, or "Strike of the Sword" (the largest Marine operation since the Vietnam War), along with other operations by coalition forces over the summer, have failed to reverse the growing strength of the insurgency.

In the segment of his assessment pertaining to the composition of the insurgency itself, General McChrystal lists the three most powerful groups. The Quetta Shura Taliban (QST), led by Mullah Omar, poses the greatest danger to Afghanistan in the general's view. Financed by "narco-profits" coming from the opium trade and foreign donors from the Persian Gulf states, the QST is the greatest in number and operates over the largest area of Afghanistan.

Ranked next after the QST is the Haqqani Network (HQN). Based largely out of Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), the HQN is believed to be backed by at least some elements of the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and also by Gulf area donors. The HQN has been regularly targeted by American drones operating in the Tribal Areas. On September 25th in North Waziristan, a drone fired several missiles at a house where it was suspected that HQN-leader Jalaludin Haqqani was hiding. Twelve Taliban fighters were reportedly killed but Haqqani was not among them. It marked the fourth drone strike in North Waziristan for the month of September. As an alternative to sending additional troops to Afghanistan, it has been widely reported that the Obama administration is weighing the possibility of greatly increasing drone strikes in the Pakistani Tribal Areas.

Returning to the assessment, General McChrystal names the Hezb-e Islami Gulbuddin (HIG), led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar (a leading

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Richard Riley, Jane Swift among honorees at Westfield State's convocation

Westfield State College will honor five individuals for their public service at a Public Service Convocation 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, in Parenzo Hall's Dever Auditorium. The five, representing diverse backgrounds in politics, education and business, will receive honorary degrees and speak about their experiences.

The honorees include Richard Wilson Riley, former U.S. Secretary of Education for eight years under President Clinton; Jane Swift, first woman Governor of Massachusetts; John Barrett III, Mayor of North Adams and longest serving Mayor in the state; and John H. Fitzpatrick, former State Senator, and Jane Pratt Fitzpatrick, longtime Trustee of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Berkshire Theatre Festival. The Fitzpatricks also are co-founders of Country Curtains and owners of The Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge.

Honored for public service
Westfield State College presents honorary Doctor of Public Service degrees to five individuals at a Public Service Convocation. They are (seated, from left) John Barrett III, Mayor of North Adams and longest serving Mayor in the Massachusetts; John H. Fitzpatrick, former State Senator, and Jane Pratt Fitzpatrick, longtime Trustee of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Berkshire Theatre Festival; Jane Swift, first woman Governor of Massachusetts; and Richard Wilson Riley (standing, second from left), former U.S. Secretary of Education for eight years under President Clinton and the ceremony's keynote speaker. Also speaking were (standing from left) Robert Hayes, vice president for Academic Affairs; Westfield State President Evan S. Dobelle, and Dawn C. Thomas of the college Board of Trustees.

The ceremony, which is free and open to the public, offers the opportunity to meet these noted individuals and hear their success stories.

"Each of these individuals has shown extraordinary dedication to public service, a quality we hope our students will emulate," said Evan S. Dobelle, president of Westfield State. "Dick Riley has been one of education's greatest friends on the national level. Jane Swift remains a tireless

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Davis Hall Commons

8:00p.m. - Student Theatre Association Production: *Mrs. Cage* and *Fugue*
Tickets are $3 @ door
Ely Studio Theatre
(Black Box)

8:30p.m. - Movie: Public Enemies
Ely Main Lounge

9:00p.m. - Derek James, Singer/Songwriter
The Perch

Saturday, October 3
2:30p.m. - Student Theatre Association Production: *Mrs. Cage* and *Fugue*
Tickets are $3 @ door
Ely Studio Theatre
(Black Box)

12:00p.m. - Men's Soccer vs. Mass Maritime

1:00p.m. - Westfield PEP! for Everyone - Every Saturday
Wilson Saviagno Auditorium

3:30p.m. - Field Hockey vs. SoME

8:00p.m. - Student Theatre Association Productions encore presentation
Ely Studio Theatre
(Black Box)

8:30p.m. - Movie: Public Enemies
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, October 3
3:00p.m. - Faculty Recital: Elaine Saloio, Flute and Lillian Pearson, Piano
Dever Auditorium

MASSPIRG kicks off the year with fresh faces

Rachel Plumb
Voice Reporter

Very recently, Westfield's chapter of MASSPIRG celebrated its most successful kick off meeting to date. Coming in to the semester, the group was made up of six students. Because of weeks of recruitment and hard work, the kick off meeting welcomed fifty-four new faces and fifty-four more people who care about what MASSPIRG and what we are doing.

Well what is MASSPIRG and what are they doing? MASSPIRG is a student run, student funded social interest group with nineteen chapters total statewide. What makes us able to function is a seven-dollar waivable fee on our tuition bills. When students choose to pay this fee, it gets pooled with all of the other chapters in the state and that money is used to hire scientists and lobbyists who help us and help for our voices to be heard.

This semester, MASSPIRG is focusing on four issues.

Our lead campaign is Global Climate Change, headed up by senior, Heather Bulis. Right now is a very critical time. We have a tremendous opportunity here. World leaders will be meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark this winter to decide on a climate treaty for the next forty years. In America, we are currently in the process of passing the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES. The Waxman Markey Bill). While it's exciting to see steps taken to save our planet, ACES does not even come close to being enough to reverse the damage done. As Massachusetts residents, we are in an especially interesting spot, because our senator, John Kerry, is going to be a delegate at the climate conference in Copenhagen. MASSPIRG's goal this semester is to encourage him to bring strong legislation with him this winter and to save our planet. Secondly, we have the Hunger and Homelessness campaign, headed up by sophomore, Tom Merolli. The Hunger and Homelessness campaign makes trips twice a week to the Samaritan Inn here in Westfield. They also participate in the National Day of Service, and are planning a bake sale to fundraise for their cause set for next week.

Our other two campaigns are Zero Waste, which is headed by senior, Nick Langone and Affordable Textbooks, which is currently being lead by our campus coordinator, Zach Hetrick.

Now who am I? Why do I do this? I'm Rachel Plumb. I am a junior here at Westfield State College, double majoring in Communication and English. MASSPIRG came to me by virtue of my friendship with Heather Bulis and Vanessa Pilar during my freshman year. The two of them were seriously busy with classes and whatnot, so I began to help them with mini projects, such as making posters. Helping my friends always brought me happiness, so I continued. Eventually, as I learned about the issues, it occurred to me that my involvement meant so much more than just helping out to of my friends. Last fall, working with the New Voter's Project, I helped register 550 people here on campus to vote. Over time, MASSPIRG has provided me with the opportunity to do what I enjoy doing most: helping others. The goal of my continued presence in the Westfield Voice is to help readers understand what we're doing and why. Also, I want to provide everyone with the same opportunity I was provided with when I first began. If you're interested in us, or in what we're doing, we have core meetings every Wednesday at 8 in our office, which is off of the Ely 3rd World room.

Kirk appointed interim senator

Alex Meyers
Voice Reporter

Photo courtesy of cbsnews.com
Paul Kirk Jr.

Paul Kirk Jr, former Senator Ted Kennedy's closest friend, was appointed interim senator by Governor Deval Patrick on September 24, 2009. He was also announced to be Kennedy's executor of the will.

Kirk, who is a democrat, was born on January 18, 1938 in Newton, MA. Kirk was a special assistant to Senator Kennedy from 1969-1977. In 1983, he was appointed treasurer of the national Democratic Party.

Then in 1985, Kirk was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee even though Virginia Governor Chuck Robb disapproved. In 1986, Democrats gained back the control of the Senate under Kirk's chairmanship.

From 1992-2001 Kirk was the chairman of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. Now, in 2009, due to the death of Ted Kennedy, he will be temporarily taking over the senate seat until the term expires on January 19, 2010.

Being an interim senator means that the person was not officially elected senator. They are just put in place until the election in January. Kirk is standing in place in Kennedy's senate seat and Patrick appointed him senator.

His appointment was taken to court by the G.O.P. (Grand Old Party) to stop the appointment because they felt it was illegal. The governor cannot appoint an interim senator without there being an emergency.

The court did not side with the G.O.P and Kirk took over the seat in the senate. Kirk, however, said that he would not run for the seat in January so there will be an election.

Kirk did not want to be senator, but like Kennedy, believes that health care is the most important bill that needs to be passed.

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Roman Polanski

Art prioritized over justice

Jessica Gray
Voice Reporter

Roman Polanski is facing extradition to the US after being arrested when his flight landed in Switzerland on Saturday the 26th of September.

Polanski fled the US 32 years ago to avoid jail time after he pled guilty to the statutory rape of 13 year old Samantha Gailey. Polanski, who is now 76, was 44 at the time of the rape. It seems as though after 32 years on the run Polanski would finally face punishment for his sex crime against a minor. He could, but not if France has anything to say about it.

Frédéric Mitterrand, the French culture minister, said of the arrest, "In the same way as there is a generous America which we love, there is also a certain kind of America which is frightening, and it is this America which has now shown us its face."

Polanski also has several prominent supporters in the Polish film industry including Jacek Bromski, head of the Polish Filmmakers Association. Bromski said Polanski has "atoned for the sins of his young years". Is it really possible to condone this act as a type of youthful indiscretion considering Polanski was 44 at the time of the rape?

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Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room 215, no later than 5:30P.M. on Tuesdays before anticipated publication date.

A Matter of Aesthetics

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

As of this September, the European Union has started a ban on selling clear incandescent light bulbs of 100 watts or more, a push to cancel out the use of traditional light bulbs.

The ban is to be expanded in 2010, eventually to include lower wattage incandescent bulbs as well as high-energy halogen lights and frosted bulbs.

It's all part of an effort to become more energy efficient and to meet the goal to reduce emissions by 20% by 2020.

The average cost of incandescent bulbs is about 1/3 that of compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs); however, the CFLs last longer and use much less energy – five times less than regular bulbs.

Another alternative is light-emitting diodes (LEDs), a more expensive choice of energy, but without the health risks from mercury present in CFLs.

In fact, LEDs are brighter and longer lasting than the best CFL technology, making them a no-brainer as an energy saving bulb.

It's just a matter of price at this point, but with a ban like the EU has installed, the price is expected to drop and, in the long run, both types pay for themselves.

Besides health concerns and costs, the only other objection to the new light bulbs is based on aesthetics.

Some people don't like the LED and CFLs because they usually come in strange shapes other than that of the incandescent bulbs, an image which many believe to be a symbol of the modern age.

Furthermore, a handful of artists in Europe have an issue with the EU's ban on traditional bulbs because the light given off by the new ones is different, altering the look of the paintings and sculptures normally presented in incandescent light.

All this squabbling reminds me of the people opposed to the Cape Wind Project who claim that the turbines constructed six miles from shore, and would be barely visible by the naked eye, would be an eyesore to tourists and locals alike.

Apparently a wind farm that is supposed to be beneficial to the impending energy crisis is aesthetically "displeasing" to the public.

What's up with people? We live in a time when every little thing, every microscopic shift from the "norm" gets under our skin. Never mind that **energy efficient** light bulbs are going to be **economically favorable** from here on out, we're irked by the fact that the shape isn't the same, therefore we're going to reject them.

And when they become used regularly someday and we finally decide to assimilate with everyone else, we'll whine about it, even when we are saving money.

You know, sometimes I wonder if we are regressing as a species.

Photo courtesy of Cory Andros

Clearly there are people who would rather support unseen energy sources (or "normal looking" ones like smokestacks) that destroy the planet, than use efficient sources that are allegedly unpleasant to the eye.

That doesn't seem logical to me.

Many people believe that wind turbines are very beautiful and I'm sure in time, LED and CFL bulbs can be accepted as aesthetically pleasing objects too.

Maybe certain individuals should quit their bellyaching and "man up". After all, change is natural.

Honorees at Westfield State

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advocate for families and civic responsibility.

John Barrett offers a model of responsible leadership in rebuilding the North Adams economy and public schools.

The Fitzpatricks, who recently celebrated their 65th anniversary, are not only business leaders but civic and cultural leaders, as well."

The convocation coincides with Family Day, a daylong traditional campus event for students and their families and friends. Family Day requires advance registration. Riley was Governor of South Carolina before serving as education secretary from 1993 to 2001. The Christian Science Monitor said that many Americans regard him as "one of the great statesmen of education in this century."

David Broder, columnist for The Washington Post, called him one of the "most decent and honorable people in public life."

During Clinton's first term, Riley helped launch historic initiatives to raise academic standards; improve instruction for the poor and disadvantaged; expand grant and loan programs to help more Americans go to college; prepare young people for the world of work; and improve teaching

He also created the Partnership for Family Involvement in Education, which today includes more than 8,000 groups. Riley's education initiatives continued during Clinton's second term.

He won a historic FCC ruling to give schools and libraries deep discounts for Internet access and telecommunications services and brought major improvements to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

He gained increased federal support for hiring new teachers, building new schools, as well as promoting more access to education and lifelong learning.

Swift, a native of North Adams, broke barriers throughout her political career.

In 1990, at age 25, she was the youngest woman ever elected to the Massachusetts State Senate, then became the youngest woman in Senate history to hold a leadership position when she became assistant minority leader.

Serving as Lt. Governor, she was the first woman to run for statewide office while pregnant, giving birth to her first daughter days before the election.

She then became the first woman Governor of the state — and the first Governor in America to give birth while in office, when her twin girls were born.

As Governor from 2001 to 2003, she made sweeping changes to public schools, raising standards and improving curriculum.

The U.S. Department of Education declared Massachusetts schools a national model for other states to follow. She continues to champion causes for families and children, including foster care, work-family integration and education.

Barrett has served as Mayor of North Adams since 1984, after a career of nearly 15 years as an elementary school teacher.

He has overseen the community's transformation from a one-industry economy to one made up of many small businesses.

He is recognized as one of the first political leaders to realize the importance of arts as an economic stimulus.

As chairman of the MASS MoCA Commission, he convinced three governors that the now widely know art museum would be the engine that would drive the Northern Berkshire County economy.

John and Jane Fitzpatrick co-founded Country Curtains, a home accessories company, in 1956.

They restored The Red Lion Inn into one of the Berkshire's most famous hotels and the family also owns and operates the Blantyre in Lenox, an internationally acclaimed small luxury hotel.

Both also have remained active in civic and community life.

John was a Massachusetts State Senator from 1973 to 1980 and during that period was chosen one of four Legislators of the Year by the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns.

He was also voted Republican Man of the Year in Berkshire County and Legislator of the Year by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Association.

Jane has been recognized for her outstanding service as a patron of the arts, both nationally and regionally.

She has served on the National Committee for the Performing Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

For 22 years she was President of the Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Theatre Festival, is a Life Trustee of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and was one of the original supporters of the Normal Rockwell Museum at Stockbridge.

Student of the Week

Emma Mackie
Senior
English with certification in secondary education

If you could live one celebrities/influential person's life, who would it be?
I guess I would want to be Prince William's girlfriend so I could have the chance to wear all of those jewels that they keep locked up.

If you could read only three books for the rest of your life, what would they be?
I would read the Bible because I feel like there's so much in there. I would read East of Eden because it's my favorite book.
I would read Anna Karenina because I never have and always wanted to.

What movie best defines your life and why?
It would be Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, which is my favorite movie, not because they plot correlates but because I agree with it's philosophy on love.

What would your last meal be?
It would be like a Thanksgiving meal because that would bring back memories of family and tradition.

What's your dream career?
I want to be a professor of American Literature.

What is your favorite material possession?
My favorite material possession is my Great Grandmother's bracelet.

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The Angry Liberal

Articles by
Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Just when it looked like she was off the radar, Sarah Palin has come back onto the scene. Earlier this month, she became involved in the heated health care debate, speaking out against Obama's health care goals. Palin thinks the health care reform ideas will raise the national deficit and that it puts too much power in the hands of bureaucrats.

She says that, "the fact remains that the Democrats' proposals would still empower unelected bureaucrats to make decisions affecting life or death health-care matters.

Such government overreaching is what we've come to expect from this administration."

Palin has said that she is not sure where her future political life is headed, but she certainly is not staying out of politics.

Just last week she spoke to Asian bankers and investors in Hong Kong.

The conference was closed to the press and there was a lot of secrecy surrounding the event, but Palin discussed her views on the government bailouts in the U.S., and also on the government deficit.

She did criticize some of Obama's policies, particularly about defense spending.

Palin is no longer involved in government officially, yet she is still playing the politics game. Palin is the former governor of Alaska now and she should think twice about getting involved back in politics. If she does decide to run in 2012, she will face as much scrutiny as she did before, especially since she resigned her governorship.

I think Palin should stick to her personal life, such as promoting her new memoir titled *Going Rogue: An American Life*. The 400 page book was scheduled to come out next spring but it is being released in mid November of this year. HarperCollins, the publisher, is expected to produce 1.5 million copies for a first printing.

The Big E: A place for newcomers

"So what *is* the Big E?" I remember asking my roommate this question a few weeks ago and she seemed surprised that I had never heard of it. It probably has something to do with the fact that I'm from Eastern Massachusetts and I had never been to Western Mass until I came to Westfield State. Seeing as all I had heard about the Big E was that it was a fair, I didn't think I would be too impressed if I actually went there. I was quite wrong.

Just the size of the place amazed me, and after walking around for seven hours, I realized that the Big E had grown on me. My friends and I spent plenty of time walking around the state buildings and sampling all of the wonderful food. Among a variety of samples in the state houses we tried lobsters rolls, sweet maple cotton candy, cheeses, delicious dips, candy apples and the most amazing cider doughnuts. The food was excellent and I began to feel full early on but ignored it and continued taking advantage of all the tasty samples.

I was also amazed at the amount of small stands and shops that were set up everywhere. We stopped at a lot of different stores from cute craft stores with little trinkets and souvenirs to buildings full of farm animals. We even saw little chickens hatching! We stopped in at a petting zoo and saw little kids riding an elephant and witnessed crazy lemurs chasing after each other. Later, we attended a sea lion show where three very well trained sea lions danced, balanced balls on their noses, and performed tricks for the entertained audience. The sea lion show was definitely a highlight and so was all of the wonderful food.

We didn't even get a chance to go on any of the rides but I could tell from the screaming kids that the rides were also pretty fun.

The Big E was way more entertaining and exciting than I had imagined, and if you have a chance to go this weekend, take the opportunity!

Editor's Desk

I feel that I need to vent. This past week I went to purchase Cascada's song "Evacuate the Dancefloor" on iTunes (go ahead and totally laugh at me, I LOVE that song!). As I went to click the "Buy" button, I saw that the song was $1.29. Um, excuse me? When did songs on iTunes change prices? I liked being able to buy songs for under a dollar. I do not, however, like buying songs for $1.29 when the album itself is $7.99 for twelve songs. And I bet you're probably saying, "Why doesn't she just buy the entire album?" Well, that's because I don't like the entire album.

I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO SING TO EVACUATE THE DANCE FLOOR IN MY CAR. Is that too much to ask? .

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, I'd like to encourage everyone to nominate themselves and their friends for the Class of 2010's Annual Make-a-Wish Date Auction! This year it's on November 2nd and nomination boxes are out now, so look for them in residence halls! Members of the 2010 Council will also be collecting nominations in the DC so sign up now!

Have a lovely weekend kids :)

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McChrystal's assessment

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recipient of CIA aid during the Reagan administration-sponsored jihad against the Soviet occupation during the 1980s), as the third most powerful insurgent group. The HIG is largely financed through its access to and control over smuggling routes in eastern Afghanistan. McChrystal concludes his analysis on these groups by writing that because they consist of largely ethnic Pashtuns from the southern part of the country, "Popular enthusiasm for them appears limited, as does their ability to spread viably beyond Pashtun areas."

However, as we will return to shortly, Afghanistan's ethnic divisions work against coalition forces as well.

General McChrystal places particular emphasis on the fact that combating Afghanistan's opium trade alone will not change the equation on the ground or the growing strength of the insurgency.

Though "narco-profits" are a major source of funding for the Taliban, tax-revenue generated by their "shadow governments" in many of Afghanistan's provinces is important as well. Another source, coming along similar lines, is the protection money that the Taliban is able to extort out of Afghan civilians and foreign construction contractors.

McChrystal notes that no Counter Insurgency (COIN) effort will be successful unless these "other sources" are eliminated.

At the heart of General McChrystal's assessment is his initial recommendation towards implementing a new "short-term" strategy focusing on the number of "boots on the ground."

This is not entirely new information. McChrystal has mentioned to the press previously that the Afghan National Army and National Police both need to be doubled in strength. Many of the details provided in his assessment though are the most specific ones to date.

General McChrystal writes in his Key Findings section near the end, "The generation of previously planned and programmed enablers such as corps engineers, artillery, motorized quick reaction forces, and large support battalions will be deferred to enable a more rapid generation of maneuver forces that provide the operational capabilities required now." In other words, the planned advanced and support units of the Afghan National Army are being switched out for "infantry-based, COIN capable" units equipped at a "minimally combat essential" level who can be trained and sent out into the field much more quickly.

According to General McChrystal, the Afghan National Army currently stands at 92,000 men who remain "largely dependent" upon coalition troops. He expects that 134,000 men will be under arms by this time year and wants the option of increasing the army's size to 240,000 men to remain on the table. McChrystal also wants the Afghan National Police to be 160,000 men strong, which is currently around 76,000 men, and says that such an increase is essential. These figures, on paper at least, combined with coalition forces, are starting to resemble the number of troops in Indian-controlled Kashmir, a territory with nearly a third of the population of Afghanistan and with 500,000 Indian troops deployed in it.

Having just returned from Afghanistan, journalist and author Ann Jones argues in her recent article, "Meet the Afghan Army," that the numbers do not add up. She considers that when the U.S. Marines launched their operation in Helmand province in July, they were accompanied by only 600 Afghan National Army soldiers.

From what she saw and heard while in Afghanistan, Jones asserts that the ANA largely exists on paper. General McChrystal's assessment did not include any figures on the deployment of Afghan troops around the country.

In terms of the force that General McChrystal himself has under his command, there are currently around 106,000 Allied troops and between 70,000 and 80,000 private contractors in Afghanistan. Unnamed sources reported that McChrystal was to request that another 40,000 U.S. troops be sent in the near future, in the report he submitted to the Pentagon Friday September 25th.

For Afghans and Americans, recent polls put the figure of those supporting a troop increase at 18 percent and 29 percent respectively.

On the growing number of American, coalition, and Afghan deaths, McChrystal writes, "It is realistic to expect that Afghan and coalition casualties will increase until GIRoA and ISAF regain the initiative."

As it stands already, counting private security contractors, the U.S.-led coalition has more troops in Afghanistan than the Soviets did at the height of their war there in 1985.

Addressing the size and capabilities of the Afghan forces, ethnicity is once again a major factor. Eric Margolis, a veteran journalist and regional expert who has written two books on this area of the world, makes this point in his article "America Has Been Here Before," published in the *Toronto Sun* on September 20th. He writes, "Many of the U.S.-raised Afghan army troops are minority Tajiks, Uzbeks, and Hazara who used to collaborate with the Soviets." In the same sense that General McChrystal observed that the Pashtun-dominated insurgency would have a hard time establishing control over the northern half of Afghanistan, the same is likely true for the Afghan government's forces in terms of controlling the southern half. There, the ethnic-Tajiks, Uzbeks, and Hazaras are widely seen as pawns in the service of both a corrupt government and foreign occupiers.

Aside from the issue of ethnicity, it remains to be seen whether the type of force expansion that General McChrystal is calling for can be done logistically or financially. The United States has spent nearly $250 billion on the war in Afghanistan since 2001. According to the figures in McChrystal's assessment, expanding the ANA by 14,800 men earlier in the summer cost $350 million by itself.

America's long-term financial commitment to the entire "Af-Pak" theater is growing alongside its military one. On Thursday September 24, the Senate voted to triple the amount of foreign aid to Pakistan, raising it to a new total of $7.5 billion over the next five years.

Despite a grim overview of the war in Afghanistan and the chaotic reality that is the country's current state, General McChrystal concludes his assessment with a sense of cautious optimism.

He writes, "While the situation is serious, success is still achievable" and notes again how crucial the next year will be if there is any chance of reversing the course of the war and taking the initiative way from the insurgency.

As he put it, the "Afghan people are the target" and separating them from the insurgency through a smarter "COIN strategy" will be essential.

Editor's Desk

Is tomorrow really October? Really?! Not that it's hard to believe, considering I froze my toes off walking to class today. It's freezing out!

At least in October there's a few things to look forward to: Colombus Day for one, and our three day weekend. And of course - Halloween!!!! But we have a while to go before that anyway. What's everyone going to be?

We are definitely going to be doing some sort of a Halloween issue for The Voice, so please, start to let us know your ideas now!

Hope everyone has a great weekend and keeps warm in this rediculous weather!

By the way, if anyone is interesting in learning a bit about layout and page design, please come to The Voice office - Wednesdays from 6-midnight!

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REFLECTIONS

By Alanna Burwell

WILL SMITH

On September 25, 2009 many birthdays will be celebrated. On this day in 1968 an actor and rapper was born. Born in Philadelphia Pa, he started his career in acting on the Fresh Prince of Bell Air. This opened doorways for his acting in roles such as Independence Day, and Men in Black. I believe Will Smith's achievements lead him to success more in the acting field. Although, his music was fun to dance to and did not contain swears. According to holly scoop.com, he turned down MIT to peruse a career in music. He has been married to his wife Jada Pinkett Smith over ten years now.

Will Smith

They both continue to have success working their way up as a top listed power couple.

HENRY FORD

Many of us can reflect on when we had to work an 8hr shift, customers and clients coming back and forth, standing or sitting all day. Well, on September 25, 1926 Henry Ford created this eight-hour-a-day, five day work week.

This may have provided economic growth back in those days, but today we may have to work more for our money.

According to time.com, Henry Ford once stated, "Just as the 8-hour day opened our way to prosperity in America, so the 5-day work week will open our way to still greater prosperity.

Henry Ford

It is high time to rid ourselves of the notion that leisure for workmen is either lost time or a class privilege."

DAVID BRINKLEY

September 28, 1997 newscaster David Brinkley retires at 74. He had 54 years in broadcasting. He was a newscaster at NBC and ABC. He received ten Emmy Awards, among many other awards.

He was born in North Caro- lina, where he went to high school and on to college.

He served in the United States Army. He covered the morning news for launch of Apollo 11. Right before Brinkley retired he accidentally stated some mean things about past president Bill Clinton while on air, which he later apologized for.

David Brinkley

Brinkley died at his home in Texas in 2003, due to complications after a fall.

Confessions of an MTV Intern

James Dinh
Voice Reporter

I can't recall any job I've ever had where I didn't mind going in early, staying long hours or being so engaged as my MTV News internship. I really can't. Macy's was too strict. My position at the post office had my sleep schedule off track. But MTV? I love it. It seems as if each day passes, I get to be more and more involved. Last week was all about the writing!

I started pitching stories to editors in hopes that I'd get the opportunity to write for the website. I threw a few things out and before I knew it ... BAM! Not only did I write for a couple of blogs but I ended up writing a few articles for the front page of MTVNews.com which totaled at about 15,000 views on all. Yes, I counted but hey you can't blame me. I was excited!

Celebrity sightings included Stephanie Pratt. OK, she's not exactly a "celebrity" but it's The Hills time here at MTV as the new season is about to launch.

Kristin is going to own! Harrison Ford stopped by the office and as did Kevin Smith, the director of "Clerks" and "Fanboys," as he promoted his upcoming book "Shootin' the S--- with Kevin Smith".

While NYC has plenty to offer, I did make my way back home this weekend to visit family and friends.

On Saturday, I went to the Big E and as happy as I was to see my people, I found myself periodically writing down pitches in my Sidekick LX in hopes that a story could be made of when Monday rolled around.

This coming Friday will mark my very first assignment as I will attend and cover the Mariah Carey concert at The Today Show. Tune in and maybe you'll see me on the side lines taking notes!

If not, just embrace the lovely sounds of Mimi and make sure to grab her new album, Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel, in stores now!

Check out a few of my articles released during the week:

Lady Gaga Talks Kanye West's VMA Stage Invasion: 'He Feels So Bad'
http://www.mtv.com/news/articles/1622574/20090929/lady_gaga.jhtml

Britney Spears Announces *The Singles Collection*, New Track
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Justin Timberlake Talks About Rihanna's New LP: 'It's A Little More Grown-Up'
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Time Machine

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This week in Music History

The Police
Regatta de Blanc
October 5, 1979
30th Anniversary

The Police
Regatta de Blanc
30th Anniversary

In last week's Time Machine, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of The Beatles' legendary "Abbey Road." Fast-forwarding ten years later, an album was released by a certain post-punk/reggae trio, who would later become icons in their own right, The Police. That album was "Reggatta de Blanc" and it would go on to reach platinum status in the United States.

When I found out this fact I was a little surprised, because it was a great album and has been given crittical acclaim over the years. With all of the hype surrounding the Police's recent reunion and final tour, you would think their sophomore effort would have sold higher than the two-million mark.

Reggatta de Blanc was the Police's second album and their first to reach the number one on the United Kingdom's charts. It was their lowest-charting studio album in the United States, however.

Underwhelming sales aside, "Reggatta de Blanc" is an underappreciated album including great tracks like "Walking on the Moon," "Reggatta de Blanc," which brought a 1981 Rock Instrumentall Performance Grammy Award home for the Police, and "Message in a Bottle," which hopefully anyone reading this is familiar with first from a source other than Guitar Hero II.

"Walking on the Moon" is a mellow reggae-styled track that did not chart in the United States but became the Police's second number one in the UK. "Walking on the Moon," written by Sting, was song about the feeling of being in love.

"Reggatta de Blanc" was a faster-paced instrumental whose roots lie among stage jams performed around "Can't Stand Losing You." Jamming can provide great things, as it earned the band a Grammy.

Saving the best for last at the risk of mentioning these songs out of numerical or chronological order, "Message in a Bottle" was the Police's first number one single in the UK but only reached 74 in the US.

"Message in a Bottle" is easily one of the most recognizable songs in the Police's discography due to its repetitive signature guitar riff. It is a song about man stranded on an island wishing for love by sending out messages in bottles, then giving up and being able to accept being alone. He then learns there are others like him as he receives tbeir bottles.

Where are they now?

After releasing only five studio albums, The Police are broken up (either for forever or until offered dollar amounts reach their expectations) but have the satisfaction of being Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members.

It goes to show that while some bands are successful valuing quantity over quality (The Rolling Stones), others can achieve critical success by valuing quality over quantity. While neither road is a walk in the park, the police have solidified their status as icons in rock and roll history.

Top 10 Albums (Billboard)
1. Jay Z – The Blueprint 3
2. Whitney Houston – I Look to You
3. Muse – The Resistance
4. Kid Cudi – Man on the Moon: The End of...
5. Miley Cyrus – Time of Our Lives (EP)
6. Drake – So Far Gone (EP)
7. Lil' Boosie – SuperBad: The Return of Boos
8. Taylor Swift – Fearless
9. Megadeth – Endgame
10. The Black Eyed Peas – The E.N.D.

Top 10 Singles (Billboard)
1. The Black Eyed Peas – I Gotta Feeling
2. Jay-Z, Rihanna, & Kanye West – Run this Town
3. Jay Sean– Down
4. Taylor Swift You Belong With Me
5. Jay-Z and Alicia Keys – Empire State of Mind
6. Miley Cyrus – Party in the U.S.A.
7. Lady Gaga – Paparazzi
8. Drake - Forever
9. Kings of Leon – Use Somebody
10. Jason DeRulo – Watcha Say

Weekend Box Office Sales
1. Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
2. Surrogates
3. Fame
4. The Informant!
5. Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself

Upcoming Video Games
1. FIFA 10
2. Saw: The Video Game
3. Operation Flashpoint: Dragon Rising
4. NBA Live 10
5. NBA Live 2k10

Upcoming CD Releases
1. Alice in Chains – Black Gives Way to Blue
2. Foreigner – Can't Slow Down
3. Miranda Lambert – Revolution
4. Lynyrd Skynyrd – God & Guns
5. Paramore - Brand New Eyes
6. Breaking Benjamin - Dear Agony
7. AFI - Crash Love
8. Zero 7 - Yeah Ghost
9. Madness - The Liberty of Norton Fullgate

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Dance Flick
2. Ally McBeal: Season 1
3. Land of the Lost
4. Futurama (series)
5. Year One

This Week's Rock Band Content (Harmonix)
1. Alice in Chains 5-pack including Rooster, Would?, No Excuses
2. Breaking Benjamin 3-pack including So Cold
3. Just Kait – U Suck
4. Kula Shaker – Hey Dude
5. Kula Shaker – Knight on the Town

Guitar Hero 5 Content (Neversoft)
1. Queens of the Stone Age - Mexicola
2. Queens of the Stone Age - Avon
3. Queens of the Stone Age - How to Handle a Rope

Beatles Rock Band
1. All You Need is Love
2. Abbey Road complete album

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Finally, the Rock returns to Boston for WWE Smackdown ten-year birthday bash

Articles & Photos by
Franny Zupancic
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As a fan of everything related to wrestling for the past eleven years, one might assume that my journey to Boston to see Smackdown at TD Bank Garden would be routine. However, it was my first opportunity to experience a TV-taping of a WWE event.

The event was billed as a star-studded tenth anniversary special, but it didn't really live up to my expectations. There were four matches and no live promos. There were a few prerecorded promos that aired on the video screen and some backstage skits. These videos threw off the momentum as far as the live experience goes, but in the context of a 'tv show' they will make more sense when Smackdown airs on Friday night.

The four matches for the Smackdown card were indeed star-studded and I suppose this makes up for the small number. First on the card was Kane versus Batista. Batista got the pin in this train wreck of a match, as expected, to fuel Batista's momentum heading into Sunday's pay-per-view.

The second match was a tag-team match that pitted the United States and Intercontinental Champions--Kofi Kingston and John Morrison, respectively--against Dolph Ziggler and The Miz. Dolph stole the win here in an action-packed match. Dolph will challenge Morrison for the Intercontinental Championship at "Hell in a Cell" and The Miz will challenge Kofi Kingston for his United States Championship.

In the next match, Michelle McCool pinned Melina in a "Lumberjill match." Also known as a 'bathroom or beer break,' this womens' division match was nothing to write home about.

They then aired a long, dragged out, taped promo by The Rock that hinted at the possibility of him hosting Raw at some point. I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for him to appear live as a host, but I wouldn't rule out him 'hosting' by means of showing taped clips.

The main event was an eight-man tag-team match and it happened sooner than expected. The entrance music for Shawn Michaels and Triple H, known as "DX," played and I expected a live promo. I was disappointed

when that did not happen, nor did John Cena cut a live promo for his hometown fans. The Undertaker was the forth member of this winning team, against CM Punk, Randy Orton, and Legacy (Ted Dibiase Jr and Cody Rhodes).

Overall this show was worth the money. A nice bonus was that they taped ECW before Smackdown, which aired the same night of the event on Syfy.

This was the final show leading into the next pay-per-view event, though, and if I saw it on TV it would not convince me to buy it because there were no compelling promos or segments.

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From the cheap seats

By: Matt Castonguay

Well, kids, its almost that time.

Post-season baseball is right around the corner and as usual, I'm pumped. I've probably written the same junk every year about how much I love post-season baseball but for me this stuff never gets old. I look back on my childhood and some of my fondest memories are getting off the bus and running down the street to my house, blowing past my mom and brother and running upstairs to watch the rest of which ever Divisional Series game happened to be on and not doing homework for a month straight because I was watching the games.

Nothing has changed since then except that I'm now allowed to consume adult beverages at will while I watch. What is unfortunate now though, is I have two late afternoon classes, which means I'll be burning through my absences in the coming weeks, camped out in The Voice or at the bar taking in the sights and sounds of the season I hold so dear.

And for me, this is all regardless of whether or not the Red Sox are involved. Obviously, this year they are and that makes it all the more interesting, but I'm telling you, the Marlins could be playing the Indians in the Series and I'd be glued to the television or radio. MLB's marketing phrase, "I Live for This" rings more true nowhere else than with me. I really do live for this stuff.

And since I know you're all dying to know what I think is going to happen this year, here are my predictions.

First of all, I'm pulling for the Twins to take the AL Central. They probably won't, but that's what I want to happen, mostly because Joe Mauer deserves the MVP this year. He's posted astronomical numbers for a guy who missed the first month of the season and has been carrying the squad since former MVP Justin Morneau went down. For this to happen however, the Twins would need to win all their remaining games and the Tigers would need to lose all of theirs. That just won't happen. Sigh…

I think the in the end the Cardinals and Yankees will be playing for the World Series. I'd like to predict an epic Red Sox/Yankees ALCS like we got in 2003 and again in 2004, but I don't think that will happen. The Yankees will steamroll this years Sox's squad.

The Sox began the year 8-0 against New York, but lost 8 of their last 9 against the bombers to split the season series. The Yankees have been the best team in baseball since the break, have been winning in walk-off fashion all year, and I just don't think they're going to stop in the post-season. Or at least against Boston.

St. Louis is going to win going away. They're too good. Their pitching staff has been phenomenal and their offense stellar. Matt Holliday has been huge since the trade from Oakland will continue to be a force. Besides that, the Cardinals have Albert Pujols.

That's like having Nukes in WWII. We all know how that ended.

What interests me most about this series is the match-ups. The Yankees will trot out at least two lefties during the series, The Ghost of World Series past Andy Pettitte and former Milwaukee Brewers great CC Sabathia. Normally, this would strike fear in the heart of any lineup in baseball, but the Cardinals aren't just any lineup.

With Pujols and Holliday, two powerful right-handed bats in the middle of the order, the otherwise intimidating lefties are much less so. If Rick Ankiel can remember how to hit for at least two months, they'll even be able to alternate right-left-right in the middle of their order, all with power.

Not to mention, their 1-2 at the top of the rotation in Chris Carpenter and Adam Wainwright, matches up just swimmingly the Sabathia-Burnett 1-2 in the Bronx. The Yankees still have Mariano Rivera closing and, if they wise up, Joba Chamberlain setting things up in the 7th and 8th innings, effectively making the games 6 innings long.

The Cardinal pen has been reliable this year, but when the Yankees are pitching well, there is very little in this world that can beat them.

That being said, I'm not the worlds biggest Yankee fan and this girl I happen to know is a big Cardinal fan and well, they're good enough this year that I can pick them without it looking like I did it for her.

I think the Yanks, who've been red-hot since the break, will finally cool down. I think the bullpen will tire and for some reason, I have a terrible feeling they won't use Joba the way he was meant to be used (could you imagine if the Sox strung Papelbon along as a 4-5 in the rotation starter? yikes) and that that will ultimately cost the bombers.

Not to mention, once October rolls around, Alex Rodriguez becomes a corpse. In other news; God, I have lost so much respect for Kate Hudson.

I say, Cardinals in 6. They get it done at home in St. Louis and Albert Pujols wins Series MVP. The A-Rod jokes will continue for at least another year and the hottest seat in America will be Joe Girardi's because, well, that's what happens when you don't win in New York. Ask poor Joe Torre.

A Yankee/Cardinal World Series is what everyone wants, err, should want. Unless you're a Tigers. Red Sox, Angles, Dodgers, Phillies or Rockies fan anyway. It's a match up of two teams with great history, in two new ballparks with marquee names and two of the best fan-bases in baseball. No one appreciates good baseball more than Cardinal fans and no one pushes harder than Yankee fans.

And now its time to put the crystal ball away and get back work. Golf three of the next four days is going to be nice and much deserved.

Be sure to come out tonight, Friday and/or Saturday to the Ely Theater for the performance of two one act plays, "Fugue" and "Mrs. Cage. All these guys have worked really hard and besides that, watching the shows and writing about them would be good extra credit for all you slackers like me. Come support your peers. Do it. Do it.

And on that note, I'm going make like Siamese twins and split. Probably go watch the golf channel or something. Until next time….

WSC roundup: The week that was

Articles by Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

The fall sports season is in full swing here at Westfield State College and the women's soccer team is one of the teams off to a great start, holding a record of 7-1-1 (2-0 MASCAC record). The team improved to 2-0 in the conference with a 3-1 win over Bridgewater State last Saturday afternoon.Junior Kate MacLellan led the team with a goal and an assist. The team will play their third MASCAC game when they face Mass Maritime on the road, Friday at 1:00 p.m.

The men's soccer team has a current record of 2-5-1 (1-1 MASCAC), following a tough conference loss to Bridgewater State by a score of 1-0.

The loss came after the team's second win of the season, a 7-0 shutout victory over Elms that saw sophomore Kyle Yelin net two goals.

The team's next home game will be against conference opponent Mass Maritime, Saturday at 12:00 p.m.

The football team will finish their non-conference schedule this Saturday in Castine, Maine as they take on Maine Maritime.

The Owls are coming off back-to-back tough losses, a 7-6 loss against Curry and an 8-5 loss against Coast Guard on a late touchdown score. The team's record stands at 2-2, but MASCAC league play doesn't begin until October 9.

The women's volleyball team played their Senior Night game on September 29 as five seniors played their final home game in a Westfield State uniform.

Westfield defeated rival MCLA in three-straight sets to improve to 9-8 on the season.

On September 26, the men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Codfish Bowl Invitational in Boston.

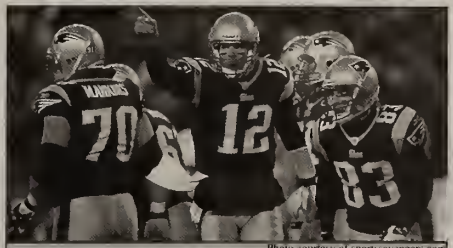
The men's team placed sixth out of eighteen total teams, while the women's team finished ninth out of thirty-two teams.

Westfield's top finisher for the men was sophomore Jon Joyce (9th overall - 25:50.9) and the top finisher for the women was junior Julie Messinger (32nd overall - 20:08.6- 5000 meters). Both teams will compete in the James Earley Invitational at Stanley Park on October 10.

The women's golf team has gotten their first season of varsity play underway and finished thirteenth out of fifteen teams in the Mount Holyoke College Invitational on September 26 and 27. The men's golf team has also begun play and took first place in the four-team MCLA Invitational on September 24. Dan Korpita (77) shot the lowest score for the Owls.

The women's field hockey team has a current record of 4-4 (1-1 MASCAC) following a 6-0 win over Elms last week and a 3-0 loss against U-Mass Dartmouth. The team will play a home game against Southern Maine on Saturday at 3:30.

Check back next week to see how Westfield's teams fair in this weekend's games.



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The New England Patriots

Pats get back on track with win over Falcons

Fans throughout New England can breathe a sigh of relief for at least one week, as the Patriots got back on the winning track with a 26-10 win over the Atlanta Falcons last Sunday. Following a disappointing loss to the New York Jets, the Patriots showed the football world that they can still control a football game by defeating the previously unbeaten Falcons. The story of the day for New England was not Tom Brady and the passing attack, but the Pats more balanced offensive game plan which saw Fred Taylor run for 105 yards and a touchdown.

"You want to be balanced going into games," Taylor said. "You want to establish that momentum and look over across the ball and see the frustration in the defensive guys' eyes."

New England dominated the time of possession, holding the ball for 39:49 compared to Atlanta's 20:11.

"The way the offense was playing it made it exciting to go back on the field because we were well-rested," said cornerback Leigh Bodden about the Patriot's defense. "Our energy was up."

New England's energetic defense held Atlanta scoreless in the second half and did not allow Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan to throw for a touchdown.

New England broke a 3-3 tie early in the second quarter as Taylor ran for an eight-yard touchdown. But the Patriots settled for field goals on their next three red zone attempts. It was clearly a point of concern as New England ended with just one touchdown while settling for four field goals on five red zone attempts.

"We can't keep kicking field goals, I know that," Brady said.

The Patriots led 13-10 at the half, but the lead should have been larger. Brady was visibly upset right before halftime, as two incomplete passes that seemed to be the fault of the wide receivers forced New England to settle for a field goal.

Becoming a Red Sox fan

Teresa Dollfuss
Sport Editor

It all started when I was in junior high school. I went into my living room one day and my father was sitting on the couch watching television. All of a sudden he scoffed and shook his head in disappointment at what he was watching. I turned around to look at the television and found that he was watching a Boston Red Sox game.

Instead of walking out of the living room disinterested, I sat down next to him and started asking him questions. Why are you disappointed? What just happened? Who is that guy?

My father slowly explained the game to me, and I loved every minute of it. I kept asking more questions about the game, and in turn I became more intrigued by it. That's the moment that I became a Red Sox fan.

I started to watch games a little at a time, continually asking questions and at times finding the answers fascinating. Then, as I got more into it I began watching more games, and eventually I was hooked. The Red Sox were my team.

When I look back I find myself remembering players that others have long forgotten. Among them is pitcher Brian Rose, as well as outfielder Damon Buford. The reason why I remember them in particular? They were some of the first I was introduced to.

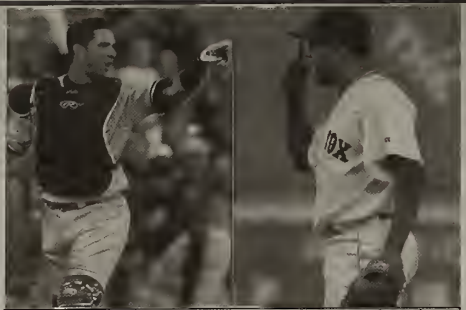
In high school I got more interested in watching baseball, and would find myself talking about it constantly with my parents and some of my friends. My parents especially were impressed with how much knowledge I had accrued. I remember my mother calling me the "human baseball dictionary" at points because I not only knew Red Sox players, but players on other teams as well.

The events of the 2003 American League Championship Series had me going out of my mind. I was convinced that the Red Sox would win Game 7, as they almost did. To this day I still believe that Grady Little should have taken Pedro Martinez out. If he had, we may have won the game. Aaron Boone's homerun off of Tim Wakefield had that reminiscence of Bill Buckner's ball through the legs fiasco in 1986.

Finally the Red Sox got their World Championship in 2004, the "Cowboy Up" year. That year I remember so many people calling each other "bandwagon jumpers," instinuating that people became Red Sox fans just because they won a championship. Since then, and even before, I have had to prove that I do know baseball and I do know the Red Sox.

Some guys that I've encountered have doubted my knowledge of sports, and especially Red Sox knowledge. I've even proven it by having them test my knowledge through them asking questions they thought I wouldn't know the answer to. I proved them wrong. Girls can be big sports fans just like guys can.

I know this can be considered dramatic to say, but I breathe the Boston Red Sox. They are my absolute favorite team, and baseball will always be my favorite sport. The Red Sox are who I grew up with, and let's face it, their games are rarely boring. They keep you on the edge of your seat until the very end. And even then they go into extra innings.



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Jorge Pasada of the New York Yankees and Pedro Martinez of the Boston Red Sox.

realized what it meant to win 4 titles in 5 years. In 2003 that all changed.

I had never pleaded for a hit so hard in my life when Aaron Boone answered my prayers in the 11th inning of Game 7 of the American League Championship Series.

It is still known today as the shot heard round the world. It was in that series I realized how much the title of World Champions meant, how big the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry really was, and how much I cared for the Bronx Bombers.

Slowly but surely my life became dedicated to the boys in pinstripes.

In grade school no one cared who your team was and with help from my friends, family and neighbors, I was taught that you could like any team you wanted.

My extended family was from Denver and Tampa Bay so there will always be a soft spot in our hearts for the Broncos, the Buccaneers, and the Rays. My neighbors were from Texas.

It wasn't long before their daughter Ashley and I became close, and I began to learn about the Cowboys and the Astros. Just recently, my best friend from Laguna Beach, California, has gotten me thinking the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and the Los Angeles Lakers as teams to watch.

I was brought up with many influences from different sports across the United States. So for me, being a Yankee fan was something normal. It was just the team I chose.

Being from Maine where we have no NBA, MLB, NHL, NFL, MLS, or any other Professional major league team, I assumed that meant I didn't have to go with a "home team." I'm not from Boston. The Sox are not my home team.

I'm used to defending my views. My favorite challenge in high school was "I bet you can't even name 5 people on the Yankees."

I loved watching the boys' jaws drop as I named, in batting order, the Yankees starting lineup as well as their position, who would play back up if the starter got injured, and who was set to pitch that night.

My question is when did girls get the title of being idiots when it comes to sports? Why can't a girl know just as much about their favorite team as the next guy?

Growing up a Yankee in Red Sox Nation

Caitlin Handcock
Voice Reporter

I was eight years old in 1996 and for me the choice of a favorite baseball team was a simple one.

With both my parents growing up in Maine they were clearly Red Sox fans.

My sister and all of my friends were Red Sox fans as well.

I love to debate and had I not fallen in love with sports so much I would be going to law school to pass the bar, instead of majoring in sports writing and arguing sports in a bar.

Little did I know at the age of eight how much debating I would do to defend my team. I am a Yankees fan.

The Yankees would win the World Series in 1996, '98, '99, and again in 2000. However, I wasn't even a teenager throughout these wins.

I was still more focused on my softball team winning our championship, nevermind a bunch of grown men I never really knew wining theirs. I never fully

BEAT The JERK

It was a tough week last week for the Jerk. 7-9 is nothing to be proud of. Congratulations to Matthew Harrington, last weeks winner.

Here are the Jerk's picks for Week 3:

Detroit over Chicago
Cleveland over Cincinnati
Indianapolis over Seattle
Giants over Kansas City
Baltimore over New England
Tampa Bay over Washington
Termessee over Jacksonville
Houston over Oakland
New Orleans over NY Jets
Buffalo over Miami
San Francisco over St. Louis
Dallas over Denver
Pittsburgh over San Diego
Minnesota over Green Bay

If you think you have what it takes to beat my picks, send yours to jerkasaurus427@yahoo.com and who ever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice. Good Luck!

How to play? It's simple. All you have to do is pick more games correctly than the Jerk. The person with the most correct picks will win a prize. Tie-breaker will go to the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received. Good Luck!

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Don't forget to focus some attention on your most important goals and priorities this week. You could be so distracted by what's going on with everyone else around you that you forget to tend to your own needs right now. Just be sure that some people don't try to take advantage of your generous spirit.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
Don't hesitate to bring a positive new approach to everything you do right now. Just be aware that certain people could be willing to look quite favorably on you. If you decide that something is no longer of any use to you, then don't be afraid to go ahead and try something new at this time.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You could be feeling a little spontaneous at the moment and you'll probably be looking for a little excitement and adventure in your life right now. You might find yourself reviving a few old plans this week.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You could have some important insights that might help you make some real progress when it comes to clearing up any personal issues that may have been troubling you for some time. You might also be able to make some kind of fresh financial start this week.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Even if you've been feeling a little uncertain about a few things, don't be afraid to try to shake things up a bit. It could be a good time to try to make a few new beginnings.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Don't be afraid to get things moving by coming up with some constructive new ideas for improving your life. Even if you find yourself feeling a little nervous or anxious about certain issues, just realize that fear and insecurity may be the only things holding you back right now.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You should be able to communicate your thoughts and feelings very well at the moment. So don't be afraid to go ahead and express yourself in some interesting and original ways right now. You could even have an unexpected romantic encounter this week.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
If you find that someone is a little hard to handle this week, just realize that you'll probably need to be extremely diplomatic right now. So be sure that you give plenty of thought to how you deal with any difficult people at this time.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You'll probably be feeling a little chatty this week and your mind could be filled with all sorts of new thoughts and ideas right now. You might want to think about trying to find some new ways of making your daily life a little more organized.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Some things could prove to be a little unpredictable this week, but staying focused and organized should help you to deal with the instability of many of the situations you're likely to find yourself encountering right now. Just be aware that money matters could end up occupying a great deal of your attention.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
Just be careful that you don't get too overly confident right now. You could be a little restless or erratic this week and you could end up going overboard and behaving somewhat recklessly.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
You may be feeling a little uncertain about a few issues at the moment, and you might find that you're having a bit of a hard time making certain decisions. Just try to hang in there until the obvious answers start to present themselves.

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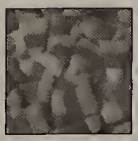
Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Hard Candy
(Halloween treats!!)

2 cup white sugar
3/4 cup white corn syrup
1/2 cup water
Various extractions (whatever flavor you like, for example, vanilla, orange, raspberry, etc.)
Food colors (optional)

1. Combine sugar, corn syrup and water in saucepan
2. Cook over medium heat
3. Do not stir until candy reaches hard crack stage, 300 degrees (if you do not have a thermometer you can test the readiness by dropping a tiny drop into a glass of cold water, it if forms a tiny hard ball, its ready!)
4. Remove from heat
5. Add extracts and coloring quickly
6. Pour into prepared pan or pans
7. Cover with powdered sugar (optional)
8. When cool enough to handle, quickly cut into pieces with scissors
9. Store in covered containers
10. ENJOY!!



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Pollution in Los Angelas. California.

It's not all bad

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

I think we can all agree that this economic recession sucks.

And even though most of us college students aren't feeling its full effects, since we're not out working full-time yet, we can still sympathize with those who are – or those who are trying to work full-time anyway.

But I, like many of my peers, am only about a year from being part of that group.

So that's a little disheartening. We can only hope that the economy is on its way toward recovering by then (or hope most of us are lucky and find jobs anyway).

But it's not all bad. According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA) United States emissions are expected to fall 6% in 2009, due mostly to the recession.

This follows, and doubles, a 3% drop in 2008. Breaking down the emission decline for the current year, there was a 6.9% drop in coal emissions; 3.3% for oil; and the natural gas consumption level was 2.3% below last year's.

But it won't last – a 0.9% increase in emissions is predicted for 2010 as the economy begins to (hopefully) recover.

Yet we are still one of the top polluters in the world, second only to China in total emissions.

In fact, this spring the EIA reported that U.S. carbon dioxide emissions have increased almost 16% from 1990 to 2008. But President Obama's goal of being 17% below 2005 levels by 2020 is still the long-term plan, though it's not going to be easy. Still, we were in the plus this year thanks to the economic slump. See, there's always a silver lining…

WSC welcomes Board of Trustees members

The three newest members of Westfield State College's board of trustees. From the left: Christel Ford Berry, Judge Terry M. Craven, Ryan F. Meersman.

Westfield State College welcomes three new members of its Board of Trustees. Appointed by Gov. Deval L. Patrick and sworn in Tuesday, Sept. 29, are Judge Terry M. Craven of Milton, Christel Ford Berry of Hartford, an attorney and financial planner; and Ryan F. Meersman of Charlton, student representative to the board.

"Both Judge Craven and Christel Ford Berry have deep and significant ties to the college and we are grateful they are returning to contribute their leadership skills as members of the Board of Trustees," said Evan S. Dobelle, president of Westfield State. "Ryan Meersman also promises to be an outstanding representative of the student body, and we wish him well."

Nanci Salvidio, executive assistant to the president, recommended both women for the board.

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> ***Evan S. Dobelle***

Craven, associate justice for the Suffolk County Juvenile Court, is a 1973 graduate from Westfield State with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the college in 2008 for her service in juvenile justice. She received her juris doctor degree from New England School of Law in 1987.

She is renowned as an expert in juvenile and family law. Besides being founding director and co-clerk of the Juvenile Bar Association, she has served on its board of directors for more than a decade. She designed and implemented the first diversion program for female offenders at Boston Juvenile Court.

Other honors she has received include citations from both the Massachusetts House of Representatives and Senate for her work with delinquent

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Hall Council leadership retreat a great success

Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

On Sunday, October 4, members of Hall Council met together in the Wilson Auditorium for the annual leadership retreat.
This year, it was a one-day event while in past years it has been an overnight camping trip.

The day started off with a breakfast consisting of bagels, pastry, juice, and fruit.

Then by 9:30 a.m. the activities began.

Dr. Jon Conlogue was the first person to speak to us about what it is that we are doing as being members of Hall Council and why it is important to be a leader.

Next was Sue Lamontagne, Dean of Students. She brought up the staff of people and had them all do the wave, which got some laughs. She then discussed leadership and contribution.

"We wouldn't be here serving you without your leadership," Lamontagne said.

She told the group to then close their eyes and think about a person they thought was a great leader and why. Residential Directors Shannon and Jason wrote the reasons why they admired those people on the board and then discussed the two leadership qualities that are important: the what and the how.

Josh Hettrick, Assistant Director of Housing, then went through the itinerary with the group.

He also gave thank you's to everyone who helped out with the retreat. After a quick break, the group reunited and it was time for the fun stuff, the ice breaking games.

Such games were scorpion; a way to introduce yourself to others, but if you got poked by the secret "scorpion" you were out, 1-2-3 look; on three each member had to look up and if the person they were looking at were looking back both people were out, pulse; sit in a line and a pulse or a squeeze of the hand goes down the line and the first person to grab the tape at the end helped win the game (the first team to rotate through their line won). TV Tag; everyone knows that game, and hyperball; a fast-acting clapping game in which the imaginary balls or claps had to be passed through the circle very quickly to make a fun noise.

Subsequently, Ryan O'Connell, R.D. of Scanlon and Tony Andres, at the Elm Motel, numbered off the group. Each group was

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Thursday & Friday - 6:30am-9:00pm
Saturday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

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Quick Hits

Friday, October 9
3:30p.m. - Yoga to Relax and Replenish with Aaron Vega
Davis Hall Commons

7:00p.m. - Football vs. Mass Maritime

8:30 p.m. - Movie: Transformers 2
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, October 10
12:00p.m. - Men's Gold Westfield State Invitational
Tekoa

1:00p.m. - Westfield PEP! for Everyone Every Saturday
Wilson Saviagno Auditorium

1:00p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. Fitchburg

8:30p.m. - Movie: Transformers 2
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, October 11
4:15p.m. - Patriots vs. Broncos
Ely Main Lounge

8:30p.m. - Movie: Transformers 2
Ely Main Lounge

Monday, October 12
No Classes!

Propaganda campaign for an Iran war

Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

Frank Gaffney would like you to believe that Iran is on the verge of unleashing wholesale destruction, possibly even "apocalyptically," and that "we are down to the last days before, certainly weeks, maybe months at the outside, before the Iranians get the bomb." The founder and president of the Center for Security Policy think-tank in Washington remains a true neo-conservative. Gaffney, who served as a Deputy Secretary of Defense in the Reagan administration, once said in regard to the deaths of American soldiers in Iraq, "It is regrettable that they had to die, but I believe they did have to die… The danger of inaction could have resulted in the death[s] of a great many more Americans than 4,000 and that's the reason I'm still delighted that we did what we did." Other causes Gaffney has taken up include his claims that Saddam Hussein was involved in the 1993 World Trade Center attack and the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. More recently, the same man described by some as "possibly the goofiest person in America," alleged that President Barack Obama was "embracing the agenda of the Muslim Brotherhood" and questioned whether the president was born in the United States.

In the end, individually at least, Frank Gaffney has little direct influence beyond groups of like-minded ideologues. When it comes to Iran however, the equation begins to change. On this particular issue, in company with his band of fellow American neo-conservatives and war hawks of any stripe, Gaffney has many powerful allies. They take the form of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the Likud Party and the rest of the Israeli right-wing, members of the U.S. government from both major parties, much of the mainstream American media, and a list of powerful lobbying groups led by the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). AIPAC, which refers to itself as "America's Pro-Israel Lobby," was described by the New York Times as the "most important organization affecting America's relationship with Israel." All of these elements have been hard at work pressuring the U.S. and the international community into imposing "crippling sanctions on Iran if it refuses to end its nuclear weapons pursuit," as declared on AIPAC's web site. They have also been lobbying for a U.S. military attack on Iran while using the threat of an Israeli one.

The curious case of Benjamin Netanyahu is of particular consequence. As the Israeli Knesset debated the Oslo peace accords in 1993, Netanyahu shouted, "You are worse than Chamberlain" at Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres for his "appeasement" of the Palestinians, referring to the British Prime Minister who appeased Hitler's Nazi Germany at Munich in 1938. Despite Netanyahu's outburst, the Oslo peace accords were ratified. In 1995, "Bibi," as he is called affectionately by his supporters, spoke to and ultimately did nothing to discourage crowds of supporters who chanted "Death to Rabin! Nazis! Judenrat!" They were outraged that incumbent Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had signed the Oslo Accords with the Palestinians. Rabin was murdered by right-wing radical Yigal Amir on November 4, 1995 and Netanyahu began what would be his first of two stints to date as Prime Minister following the June 1996 elections. Leah Rabin, Prime Minister Rabin's widow, held Netanyahu responsible for inciting the violence "against my husband and [leading] the savage demonstrations against him."

When Netanyahu was asked by an Israeli journalist on September 11, 2001 for his thoughts on what the attacks that day meant for U.S.-Israel relations, he quickly responded by saying "It's very good." Qualifying his statement, Netanyahu added, "Well, not very good, but it will generate immediate sympathy [for Israel]" and "strengthen the bond between our two peoples." Netanyahu repeated and expanded on this idea while speaking at Bar Ilan University in March of 2008. There he told the audience, "We are benefiting from one thing, and that is the attack on the Twin Towers and Pentagon, and the American struggle in Iraq," because those attacks had as he put it, "swung American public opinion in our favor."

Netanyahu became prime minister again when his Likud Party formed a majority-coalition with other right-wing parties following the elections of February 2009. His views have not really changed since he left office in 1999. One notable difference though is that in his WW2 analogies, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the Iranians have taken over for the Palestinians as Hitler and the Nazis.

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United States loses 2016 Olympic destination

Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

The American Dream was put on pause October 2nd when Chicago lost the bid to host the 2016 Olympics.

The Windy City, a favorite in pre-voting, was the first city eliminated in the vote, losing to Tokyo, Madrid, and Rio de Janeiro.

The latter ultimately got the vote as the host city.

The bid was supported by many notable Chicago natives, such as President Obama and his wife Michelle, Oprah, and Mayor Daley.

On his defeated trip home, the president said "I believe it's always a worthwhile endeavor to promote and boost the United States of America and invite the world to come see what we're all about."

He also thanked the people of Chicago for "putting their heart and soul into the bid."

The International Olympic Committee chief Jacques Rogge said that the decision to choose Rio was not on account of money, if so Chicago would have been the chosen city.

Brazilian President Luis Inacio Lula da Silva convinced the IOC to swing their vote towards Rio because it was time the Olympics went to a new continent with the "promise of opening new sporting frontiers."

"I honestly believe it is Brazil's time. Among the top-10 economies of the world, Brazil is the only country that has not hosted the Olympic and Paralympic Games," Lula told the IOC during Rio's presentation Friday afternoon.

The IOC had a very difficult decision to make once it came down to Rio and Madrid. Former IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch vouched for his homeland of Spain to get the vote because he is "at the very end of his time."

Photo courtesy of cbsnews.com
Thousands of people gathered in downtown Chicago to wait to hear the announcement of the 2016 Olympic destination.

At the age of 89, he may never see Spain in an Olympics again. Both countries are very rich in Hispanic and Latin history, but the fact that South America had never hosted the Games before hit home for the committee.

Ignoring the fact that Brazil is holding the 2014 FIFA World Cup, the Committee chose Rio de Janeiro to host the 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

Chicago bid Chairman Patrick Ryan was disappointed with the decision but did not criticize the IOC.

"We introduced Chicago to the world," the Chairman said. "Chicago is so much better known today and appreciated and respected — all around the world. Chicagoans can bold their heads high. We're sorry we didn't bring home a victory."

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children and their families, and she was the 2006 recipient of the Juvenile Bar Association's Judge Leo Lydon Award.

Craven also has worked as probation officer, teacher in the Boston school system and director of the Herrick Center for Girls. She is married to Christopher Aylward, assistant chief probation officer in the Norfolk County Juvenile Court, and the couple has one son and grandchild.

While at Westfield, Craven was president of the Student Government Association and was a member of a presidential search committee.

"I'm just thrilled to be back here and to hopefully give back to the college that gave me so much," Craven said. "If it hadn't been for the foundation I received here, I don't think it would have been possible to be in the position I'm in now in the court system. I would put my education up against any of the private schools. Westfield State is really the diamond in the crown of state schools."

Craven said she was the first member of her family to complete college, but both her parents, now deceased, were major influences on her ability to succeed.

Both were World War II veterans and while her father, James J. Craven Jr., served stateside, her mother, Olivia Bartels, served in the Women's Army Corps in the South Pacific.

"She saw all the major battles and became one of the most decorated women in Massachusetts," she said.

James Craven was a longtime state legislator, representing Boston and it was that connection that eventually led the future judge to Westfield State.

The state representative from Westfield at the time, James Adams, enlisted his colleague, Craven, to support a vote to approve a student activity center at the college in 1968.

"My dad did a lot of research on the college, and was so impressed that he strongly lent his support," Craven said.

Berry has been the head of Ford Berry Associates in Hartford for more than 25 years as part of her successful career as an attorney and financial planner. She previously was an associate attorney with the Hartford law firms Hebb & Gitlin and Shipman & Goodwin.

She has also been active professional and civic organizations. She is a board member of the Hartford Courant Foundation, treasurer and board member of Connecticut Landmarks and a member of the Hartford Association for Women Attorneys. She is also on the Board of Trustees of Friends of Elizabeth Park, a senior fellow of the American Leadership Forum and an incorporator of the Hartford Seminary in Hartford and the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford.

She and her husband, Thomas I. Berry Jr., have three children. She has a bachelor's degree from Barnard College and a juris doctor degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

However, Berry has strong family ties to Westfield State. Her father, Donald A. Ford Sr., worked at Westfield State for more than 20 years, retiring in 1991. His career included serving as associate dean of students, director of the Campus Center and director of Affirmative Action.

"I came to know a lot of the professors here," she said, becoming familiar with the college while she and her family lived in Chicopee. In later years, she was supportive of the Westfield State and played golf in some of the college's fundraising tournaments.

"It was because of my parents' interest and strong belief in education that I had the opportunities that some others did not. I think the opportunity to serve on Board of Trustees is a wonderful way to give back and help make a difference."

Berry said her family experience also allowed her to appreciate the college's goals of respect for diversity and international awareness. Before coming to Westfield State, her father had a career in the Air Force, retiring as a senior master sergeant.

"We traveled all over the world," she said. "I learned that exposure to a diversity of people and cultures enhances one's life"

Berry said that as board member she hopes contribute to the quality of education at Westfield State, as well as encourage a more diverse faculty and student body.

Meersman is a sophomore at Westfield State majoring in history and secondary education.

A 2008 graduate of Shepherd Hill Regional High School, he became active in college life as a freshman, being selected as all-college representative for the Student Government Association.

He was elected by the student body last spring to represent them on the Board of Trustees.

"I hope I will be a good voice on the board for the students and hope to bring the student voice to any decision that has to be made for the school," he said.

Meersman praised his high school history teachers for inspiring him to study history in college, and said he is happy with his decision to come to Westfield.

"I liked the fact that the school was fairly small and I had heard great things about its education department and I wanted to be a teacher.

After visiting the campus, I loved the appearance and the people everywhere I met were very nice and helpful."

Meersman said he also gained an interest in politics through his uncle, Joe Petty, a city councilor in Worcester. "I enjoyed helping him in his campaigns," he said.

Student of the Week

Charlie Bain
Senior
Movement Science: Sports Medicine

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
I'd be Clint Eastwood just because he's a badass. Even at like ninety years old he's a badass.

If you could listen to only three albums for the rest of your life, what would they be?
"Tommy" by The Who
"As the Palaces Burn" by Lamb of God
"The Cat Empire" by The Cat Empire

What movie best describes your life and why?
"A Goofy Movie" because while I'm a total goofball, I'm badass too. And I would sing "Power Line" in front of the entire school.

What would your last meal be?
I would have duck with cherry confit and a pork reduction sauce, mushroom and prosciutto risotto and cookies and a big bottle of Jack Daniels.

What are you doing when you leave Westfield State College?
I'm going to grad school for an entry level athletic training masters hopefully in Manoa, Hawaii.

What is your favorite material possession?
My disc golf discs.

Advertise yourself:
I'm the only guy who would actually sing "Power Line" and look sexy doing it.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

2009 Hall Council leadership retreat

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participating in an egg drop as part of an exercise in leadership.

The objective of the activity was that the egg had to be protected in the contraption that each group creates from being dropped off the third floor of New Hall. The groups were limited to using only straws, tape, and the egg.

Not only did they have to build something to make sure the egg survived, each group had to market their product to "Humpty-Dumpty."

In the end, all three groups' eggs were safe which proved that each team worked together to make a successful product. Before lunch, O'Connell spoke to the group about reasons why each team was successful. Every student in the room had a chance to voice their opinions on why they though their group did as they did.

Barry Maloney, Vice President of Student Affairs, spoke next and first said, "turn off the infomercial," commenting about our marketing pitches. He also said that Student Government and Hall Council are two of the most important roles on campus.

The SGA board was introduced, too, and Colleen Murphy, president, came up to speak to the group briefly. They stayed for lunch with the Hall Council members and then everyone returned to the Wilson Auditorium to continue with the retreat. Hall Council Session One was run by Jason. Instead of just lecturing the group about communication, he had them all play a game called Tank and Driver. In this game, one person is blindfolded and the other has to lead them around by communicating with them. This game was played multiple times in different ways to show how communication is always different amongst a group when in conflict. He said that when a conflict arises, it's always better confront the person. Be an outsider looking in to really understand what the problem at hand might be.

The next session was run by Chaitali and Kevin. Everyone was again split into groups and answered questions regarding Hall Council such as why they joined, what qualities they have, etc.

Kevin then spoke about ways to get involved at WSC by giving a handout showing all the clubs and activities available on campus. Chaitali ended her session with a few quotes, one by Larry Bird that read, "First master the fundamentals."

The last session of the day was lead by Jen who had the hall members group together to discuss their particular hall and what the plans are for the year. Topics that came up were budget, events, etc. This gave each hall a chance to plan out things for the next couple of months to make the hall they live in a better place to be.

The day was very successful and they even got out one hour earlier than expected. Everyone is encouraged to participate in events in your hall and enjoy your time here

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Campaigning for a war in Iran

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Netanyahu said in a speech earlier in the year, "The Iranian threat still is before us in full force" and that the "greatest danger to Israel, to the Middle East, and to all of humanity, is the encounter between extremist Islam and nuclear weapons." Netanyahu's National Security Adviser, Uzi Arad, who has been barred from entering the United States due to his alleged connection to espionage here, stated that Israel should threaten to bomb "everything and anything of value" in Iran, including its "holiest sites."

Moving back to the American media, Bill O'Reilly, always faithful to the American neo-conservatives and the Israeli Likud Party, declared on his show last week, "Iran may be months away from a nuclear weapon" and that "President Obama should be war-gaming with the U.S. Navy, contemplating a blockade of Iran." O'Reilly noted, "That of course would provoke hostilities but it would also send the mullahs a message they could not ignore." O'Reilly justifies this on the grounds that it must be done in order to prevent Israel from attacking Iran and igniting the global chaos that would ensue. He concludes his line of commentary with "Iran wants to kill as many Jews as possible." If this is in fact true, why hasn't Iran's leadership started by killing the 20,000 to 30,000 Jews that call Iran home? O'Reilly's "no-spin zone" commentary also conveniently skips over the fact that Iran has a larger Jewish population than any other Muslim country.

On Iran's alleged nuclear weapons program that we are supposed to believe is not only a proven fact, but which is also on the brink of producing a nuclear weapon, the facts do not match the rhetoric. Before addressing those facts, it is interesting to note that the man in the Bush administration responsible for "filtering" intelligence on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction and connections to Bin-Laden was Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith. A leading neo-conservative who was working on plans for an invasion of Iraq as far back as the1990s, Feith was described by Secretary of State Colin Powell as a "card-carrying member of the Israeli Likud Party."

In the same way that the neo-cons, the Israeli-right, their affiliates, and allies carried out a propaganda and disinformation campaign with the goal of invading Iraq, they have been waging a similar effort aiming for at least a bombing campaign against Iran. To sum up the collective view of those individuals wishing for war with Iran during their glory days of 2002 and 2003, the vast majority of whom never served in the military, one British official dryly noted, "Everyone wants to go to Baghdad. Real men want to go to Tehran."

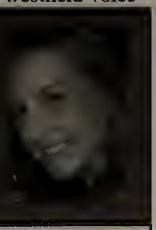
Contrary to the interests of such a campaign, on September 16th, citing two unnamed counter-proliferation officials, Newsweek reported, "U.S. intelligence community is reporting to the White House that Iran has not restarted its nuclear-weapons development program" and that "U.S. intelligence agencies have informed policymakers at the White House and other agencies that the status of Iranian work on development and production of a nuclear bomb has not changed since the formal National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) on Iran's 'Nuclear Intentions and Capabilities' in November 2007." The November 2007 NIE stated that Iran had halted its work towards a nuclear weapon in 2003. The Newsweek article came at the same time as increasingly alarmist reports from the Israeli intelligence community were being released.

Dr. Juan Cole, a Professor of Middle Eastern History at the University of Michigan, pointed out then on his Informed Comment blog, "You need to enrich uranium to 90% to make a bomb.

Iran claims to be able to enrich to 4% and a lot of observers think that is an exaggeration."

Following the first round of talks at Geneva last Friday, officials confirmed what the International Atomic Energy Agency has consistently reported.

Editor's Desk



I'm pretty sure Western Massachusetts was hit by a mini tornado today. The winds were out of control! While driving home from my internship, I was pretty sure that my car was going to be lifted right off the road. What crazy weather we've been having. But as everyone always says, that's New England for you.

I'd like to start a section in the paper where a group, club or organization is highlighted each week, but I need your help. If you're part of a group or organization on campus that would like to be recognized by *The Westfield Voice*, e-mail thevoice@wsc.ma.edu.

We'd also love to have some students submit reviews of movies, CDs and concerts. Even if you don't plan on writing regularly for the paper, it's a great way to get your voice out there and be published! So let us know what you've been watching, what movies your into and what CDs your listening to!

I think that covers it. Have a fabulous long weekend kids.

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood

There's a new face on the Supreme Court this year and her views on a number of different issues will soon be known as she votes on a new set of cases. One new case, Salazar v. Buono, which calls into question the "separation of church and state" principle and will soon be argued before the Court, Sonia Sotomayor will have to decide where she stands on the issue.

The controversy surrounds a war memorial in Mojave National Preserve in California, set up 70 years ago to honor World War I veterans. The problem (for those opposing it) is that this memorial is a cross. If the memorial was on private land, there would be no issue but it sits on government property. Congress tried to sell the piece of land in 2002 to make it private in a "land swap," but the lower courts have ruled against this.

Mr. Buono, the man bringing this case, argues that the memorial violates the First Amendment's Establishment Clause. From this point of view, it clearly does. Religious monuments on government property are certainly violations of the "separation of church and state" ideal. But it's not so much the cross memorial that is the problem.

The problem is that in 1999, a resident of the area wanted to set up a Buddhist shrine next to the monument. The request was denied.

As basic as this argument is, it's simply not fair for the government to advertise or support one religion over another. Although some Americans regard the United States as a "Christian nation," there are many people who practice other religions in this country. That resident who hoped to put up a Buddhist monument should not be denied it if a cross, a universal symbol for Christianity, is on government land. Instead, it should be all or none.

The government cannot be exclusive in its support of religions in the United States. This case, now in the hands of the Supreme Court, continues to create a controversy about the government's involvement in religious matters. The Supreme Court has the final say here, and one can only hope that the Constitutional provisions of the First Amendment are not ignored.

"Having issues with your boyfriend/ girlfriend and need an impartial view? Worried about a class and need some advice? Co-worker giving you trouble?"

Welcome to Ask Abby!

This is a new section called "**Ask Abby**." If you're unfamiliar with "**Ask Abby**" it's a column dedicated to giving you, the readers, advice about life, love, school, work, and anything inbetween. I won't use your name in the column, so you can either make up your own creative alias or leave it out of the e-mail altogether. And the best part is your letter may make it into *The Westfield Voice*! Your privacy is very important and will remain confidential. I look forward to your e-mails and hope to hear from you soon!

Send your questions to: askabby.wsc@gmail.com

Editor's Desk

So, who else enjoyed the rain today? New England was clearly having a meltdown.

I am so excited for the Colombus Day weekend! It's going to be so nice having an extra day off to relax!

Is anyone else having trouble with parking? It seems like I spend at least forty-five minutes every day looking for a parking spot (since there are never any behind New Hall).

Having a main lot sticker has become the bain of my existance. What a hassle. I know that there are people out there who are having this very same problem, and if anyone would like to write about it, we at The Voice would LOVE to hear about it. (On a personal note, I was forced to park in commuter the other day, as I was almost late for a class due to lack of parking and received a ticket that I will be appealing *in person*. Something needs to be done about this situation!

Anyway, have a great long weekend and enjoy the extra day!

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Want to Volunteer for a great cause?

The Class of 2010 is holding the annual Make-a-Wish Date Auction on November 2, 2009 and is looking for some WSC students to be auctioned off!

Look for nomination boxes in residence halls or for members of the 2010 council in the Dining Commons to volunteer yourself or your friends!

You can also nominate by e-mailing classof2010@wsc.ma.edu

Donating your time will help to make a child's wish come true!

REFLECTIONS

By Alanna Burwell

DEAN SMITH

Dean Smith coached for University of North Carolina for 39 years. He retired on October 9, 1997. He had many accomplishments as a coach such as winning 879 games against 254 losses, being named National Coach of the year by various organizations, named Sportsman of the Year in 1997 by Sports Illustrated, second greatest coach in history of the game in 2000. In 1983, he was inducted in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA. The love for his players was high and many of them called him their second father.

Dean Smith

An impressive 96% of his players graduated. Michael Jordan stated, "Coming out of high school I had all the ability in the world but I didn't know the game. Coach taught me the game, when to apply speed, how to use your quickness, when to use that first step, or how to apply certain skills in certain situations. He gave me the knowledge to score 37 points a game and that's something people don't understand."

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

On October 14, 1964 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr (MLK) wins a noble peace prize and turns it over to the civil rights movements.

He was the youngest man to have received this award (at age 35).

Martin Luther King Jr graduated from high school in Georgia at the age of 15. He went to Morehouse College where he received his bachelor's degree.

He also went to Boston University for his docto-rate where he met and married Coretta Scott. He was a strong civil rights leader. He led boycotts and helped changed the constitution.

Martin Luther King Jr.

He is famous for his speech "I Have a Dream" in Washington D.C where he directed and marched peacefully with 250,000 people.

Let us all Americans be peaceful and inspirational leaders in helping our communities for the better.

RAL JULIA

On October 16, 1994 Ral Julia suffered a stroke.

He was on life support and fell into a coma. A few days later his body gave up.

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and discovered by actor Orson Bean.

He played in Broadway shows, and appeared in Shakespeare roles.

He was in many films for TV movies.

He is famous for his roles in two of the Addams Family movies. He was diagnosed with cancer, but did not give up. He continued on acting. His accomplishments included winning the Ignatius Medal by his high school.

Ral Julia

He also won a Golden Globe and Emmy award for his role in "The Burning Season."while on air.

He later apologized for.

Brinkley died at his home in Texas in 2003, due to complications after a fall.

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Kate and Jon Gosselio

Jon and Kate Plus Eight…minus Jon

Samantha Fahey
General Editor

It seems as though lately Jon Gosselin's face has been plastered all over the covers of tabloids, magazines, and the internet but now there is one place where you won't see him: TLC. The network has announced that as of November 2, the show will now be titled "Kate Plus 8" and only feature Jon every once in a while as a "guest appearance."

Yet the network has recently shut down filming the family due to a "cease and desist" order from Jon.

"I need to be a father, and I need to take my kids off the show," Jon told Larry King last Thursday night. "I don't think it's healthy for them, and the reason I don't think it's healthy for them is we're going through a divorce right now," he continued.

On this past summer's June 22 episode of "Jon and Kate Plus 8" the former couple announced that they would be publicizing a "life changing decision," a decision based on rumors of infidelity and partying and resulting in divorce. Four months later, a new twist in the formerly dynamic duo's already scandalous life came out when last Monday Kate Gosselin appeared on NBC's Today Show and announced that her husband drained money from their joint bank account.

"He took $230,000 of the $231,000 we had," Kate told NBC on Monday. "I have a stack of bills. The last thing I wanted was to do this show and end up not being able to pay our bills."

Both Gosselins have been on media tours discussing their situations while one is left to wonder about the kids.

"It appears as though Jon's priority is Jon and his interests," said Kate. "My priority remains our children and their well being."

And so, the new series will "continue to chronicle the Gosselin family as they go on outings and tackle daily challenges and adventures," the network said. "It will also document Kate's journey as a newly single mother raising 5-year-old sextupiets and 8-year-old twins."

While Jon repeats that he does not want his children on television, maybe the underlying truth is that he just doesn't want them on "Kate Plus 8." According to Radar, you may see Jon's face on TV once again, in his own reality show titled, "The Divorced Dad's Club." Jon wants his new friend Michael Lohan to star with him, along with his girlfriend Hailey Glassman.

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Meningitis Vaccine must be pre registered for by October 14th by calling Health Services at 413-572-5415.

Health Services has registered to receive 2009 H1N1 vaccine from the State Department of Public Health (DPH) but they have not confirmed dates of distribution.

Check the weblink on 2009 H1N1 flu from the College's home page or wsc.ma.edu/h1n1

Top 10 Albums

1. Pearl Jam - Backspacer
2. Jay Z – The Blueprint 3
3. Three Days Grace - Life Starts Now
4. Whitney Houston – I Look to You
5. Miley Cyrus – Time of Our Lives (EP)
6. Brand New - Daisy
7. Five Finger Death Punch
8. Harry Connick Jr - Your Songs
9. Drake – So Far Gone (EP)
10. Muse - The Resistance

Top 10 Singles

1. The Black Eyed Peas – I Gotta Feeling
2. Jay Sean feat. Lil Wayne – Down
3. Miley Cyrus – Party in the U.S.A.
4. Jay-Z, Rihanna, & Kanye West – Run this Town
5. Jason DeRulo – Watcha Say
6. Taylor Swift – You Belong With Me
7. Lady Gaga – Paparazzi
8. Kings of Leon – Use Somebody
9. Mariah Carey - Obsessed
10. Jay-Z and Alicia Keys – Empire State of Mind

Top Movies

1. Zombieland
2. Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
3. Toy Story
4. Surrogates
5. The Invention of Lying

Upcoming Album Releases

1. Evanescence - In a Different Light
2. Toby Keith - American Ride
3. Kiss - Sonic Boom
4. Bob Dylan - Christmas in the Heart
5. Lou Lonely Boys - 1962 (EP)

Upcoming DVD Release

1. Flashpoint Season 1
2. Talking Heads - Stop Making Sense (Blu-ray)
3. Married With Children Season 11
4. Numbers Season 5
5. Monty Python: Almost the Truth

Upcoming Video Games

1. NBA Live 10
2. NBA Live 2k10
3. Brutal Legend
4. Backbreaker
5. Pro Evolution Soccer 2010

Upcoming Rock Band downloadable content (Harmonix)

1. Raconteurs 3-pack: Many Shades of Black, Salute Your Solution, Steady as She Goes
2. Electric Six 3-pack: Dance Epidemic, Gay Bar, I Don't Like You
3. Alanis Morissette - Head Over Feet
4. Alanis Morissette - Ironic
5. The Flobots - Handlebars

Guitar Hero 5 content

1. Billy Squier 3-pack: The Stroke, Everybody Wants You, When She Comes to Me

Time Machine

This week in Music History

by Franny Zupancic
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Nine Inch Nails
"Pretty Hate Machine"
October 20 1989

October 20 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the Nine Inch Nails' debut album, "Pretty Hate Machine." This album is an essential because it was the debut of a successful and influential industrial rock band that wasn't really a band. Consisting of only one member--Trent Reznor--Nine Inch Nails Release 'their' first album to commercial and critical acclaim, laying the foundation for a career that received praise from a wide range of musicians, including David Bowie, Devo, and Johnny Cash, through interviews, collaborations, or cover versions of the band's songs.

"Pretty Hate Machine" reached three-time plaimum status in the United States despite only peaking at number 75 on the Billboard 200. The album's singles received airplay but most of the fan base was gained through word-of-mouth and underground methods.

While Reznor is the only 'official' member, he did tour to support "Pretty Hate Machine" and hired a touring band that at first included guitarist Richard Patrick, future vocalist for Filter and Army of Anyone. Other notable touring members include long-time guitarist Robin Finck, who left temporarily to tour and record with Guns N' Roses, and session drummer Josh Freese, also a member of Guns N' Roses for a few years. Freese is currently a touring member of Weezer.

Trent Reznor is also known to be very outspoken politically and has clashed with numerous companies on various occasions, ranging from being removed from the 2005 MTV Video Music Awards setlist, to his cease-and-decist order to Fox News for unauthorized use of his work.

Reznor is a modern pioneer in battles against record companies, following in the footsteps of Tom Petty, who refused to raise the prices of his LPs. Reznor's modern-equivalent actions include releasing complete albums as free downloads independently and letting fans have the option of either downloading it for free or paying five dollars.

Another interesting quirk of Reznor is his promotional tactics. Most record companies would not want an album to be leaked before its release date to ensure optimal chart performance. Reznor intentionally leaked tracks by putting songs on USB flash drives and hiding them in the batrooms of venues of his concerts. The irony of this is that once the drives were found, the songs were hosted on websites and the website owners were 'attacked' by the Recording Industry Association of America, despite the fact that the promotional tactic was completely sanctioned by Nine Inch Nails' label.

It's hard to point out specifics on this album other than to point out how impressive it is for one person to be responsible for the vocals, arrangements, programming, producing, engineering, digital editing, and mixing on an album (with a little help). Not only did this album get released, over three million people purchased it.
Where are they now?

Nine Inch Nails have had twelve Grammy Nominations, two of which were successful. "The Downward Spiral" appeared on Rolling Stone Magazine's 500 Greatest Albums of All-Time list in two-hundredth place. Despite never winning a Video Music Award after nine nominations, MTV voted "Closer" (from Downward Spiral) the seventeenth Greatest Video Ever Made (out of 100 top videos).

According to Reznor, Nine Inch Nails is done touring for now, but the 2008 albums "Ghosts I-IV" and "The Slip" will not mark the end of new music from the band.

Nine Inch Nails - "Pretty Hate Machine"
October 20 1989 - 20th Anniversary

Fame! It's not gonna live forever

Debrah Silverman
Layout Editor

There is something about going to the movies that is sacred. Whether it's to see a comedy, a horror film, a romance or a musical, when you sit down in those plush chairs, still warm from the person before you, you expect something.
Be it a heart-wrenching love scene that draws a tear, or a horror movie that has the hair on the back of your neck standing;

If it's a comedy that has you laughing so hard your stomach hurts, or a musical that just about makes you want to burst at the seams, a good movie has the ability to evoke our every emotion.

I consider myself a 'movie buff." The cinema is just about my favorite place to be.

I love immersing myself into a good film, getting lost in the characters trifles and hardships. It is more than a little bit harrowing for me when I sit down expecting to see a phenomenal movie, and leave disappointed.

And that is exactly what happened last night when I went to view the infamous yet misleading "Fame."

"Fame" is a musical originally made in 1980 that focuses on the ever-prestigious Performing Arts High School in New York.

The commercials (which by the way, were not in the movie) for the remake have been plaguing just about every channel known to man since the last months of summer. Over and over again we have watched dancers leap around the screen, singers and musicians pour their souls out through their art, and then finally, the day came to watch the actual movie – and it flatlines!

With an next-to-unknown cast, save for Ms. Fran Rowan (Megan Mullally of Will and Grace) and Mr. James Dowd (Charles S. Dutton), Fame simply went through the motions, lamely following a select number of high school students through the years, punctuated every twenty minutes or so with a less-than-dramatic black screen, which upon flitted the words 'freshman, sophomore, junior and senior year'.

Jenny Garrison (Kay Panabaker), Victor Taveras (Walter Perez), Denise Dupree (Naturi Naughton), Mareo (Asher Book), and Malik Washburn (Collins Pennie) were, from the very first scene, just some of the characters the producers tried to desperately to connect us to.

There was, however, no connection made. The characters were lifeless and one dimensional, predictable even.

The story line following each character was started and yet in some cases, never finished. Malik and his mother have a powerful fight in the middle of the film, one that goes unsolved, as she is absent during the remainder of the film. It makes me wonder if maybe the producers were looking for drama that they just didn't have.

As if there wasn't enough time to make the film, the character development was rushed and forced. In a dramatic change that the viewer saw coming a mile away, shy little Jenny Garrison becomes friendly with Mareo, and thus, undone comes her uptight ponytail, gone are her shapeless sweaters, painted is her ever pale face.

The same thing happens to Denise Dupree, as she works to unweave the net her parents have cast over her.

Discovering she can sing, and just how talented she actually is, her whole demeanor changes overnight, again, starting with her appearance.

Her stick straight hair becomes a tangled mess of curls, and by the end of the film, her jumpers are replaced with a tight leather jacket and a sexy pair of jeans.

The thing to remember about a musical is that you must take it in stride, for what it's worth. It is just that – a musical. There should be no expectations about the acting, that's not what it is about.

However, the music, singing, and dancing should be out of this world fantastic, again another let down unforeseen with Fame.

The dancing was just elementary, the music boring (the title song "Fame!" was not even played until the credits rolled), and the singing flat.

The ending scene, one in which the whole school comes together (who saw that coming?) in what is supposed to be a mind blowing show number, caught my attention, perhaps because it was great, perhaps because it meant the end was near.

Although all of the characters learned some life lesson in this film, there was no emotion associated with it.

I for one, expect to be moved in some sort of way when I go to the movies (especially when I am going to see a musical), and it didn't happen with "Fame."

I expected the music to swell within my chest, the dancing to awe me, the singing to cut down to my very core.

I expected to feel chills. What a disappointment. Surely, there are more talented people in Hollywood.

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From the Cheap Seats

By: Matt Castonguay

This week, I hit the links for what is probably going to be one of the final times this year and that hurts. I didn't play quite as well as I would have liked but its been a successful year; lowered the handicap a bit and played more often than I expected to.

Normally I'm able to settle into the winter months easily but recently, my love of the game of golf has grown to the point of fanaticism.

I've been consumed with getting better. Waking up and watching the Golf Channel before work, watching it during breaks between classes, hitting plastic balls in my backyard; I'm really getting pathetic.

Hell, I even have a broken club from my high handicap/anger management days of playing that I swing during down time in The Voice.

Needless to say, I'm addicted to golf and getting better at golf the way the '86 Mets were addicted to cocaine.

Also, being a bopeless romantic, I also carry the jealous dummy gene on my DNA.

Those two clashed this week when I got the November issue of Golf Digest, which had a big section on the 150 best athlete golfers.

I'm not going to lie, if you want to feel like throwing up, read the names of people on this list. For instance, its not enough that John Elway has two Super Bowl rings, is an NFL Hall of Famer and could get away with murder in Denver, but the man also boasts a 0.9 handicap.

Or that Brett Hull's list of accomplishments is so short, what with a Hall of Fame resume and two Stanley Cups, that he needs a 0.0 index.

In all honesty, I was green with envy all the way through this read. I mean, c'mon. Tony Romo is the quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys. Is there a guy in the world who wouldn't trade, dollars, possessions, organs, girl friends, for that? I didn't think so. Or how about the ability to choose to dump Jessica Simpson? Wouldn't that be awesome? To have that choice; that dumping her would be an option? ' Again, a resounding no. Does he really need to a great golfer? The answer of course is yes. The gods didn't feel it was enough to be the Cowboys QB and date blonde-bombshells, and therefore gave him a +3.3 index, making him the best athlete-golfer according to Golf Digest. Someone cue Natalie Merchant…

Some of the other names on that list were Brett Favre (1), Pete Samprass (0.5), John Smoltz (1.6), Joe Sakic (2.3), Drew Brees (3), Dan Marino (1.9), Larry Bird (4.1), Peyton Manning (4.6), Tom Brady (8), Bobby Orr (5.8). Mike Ditka (5.9), etc etc. The list is ridiculous. Every name on the list (except for maybe Nick Punto (2.3)) is that of a well-known, much celebrated athlete.

Obviously there were some bad ones on there. Some I'm better than. Some you're probably better than. Derek Jeter is a 35 handicap, which means yes, Tom Coughlin (not the Giants coach) you are better than Derek Jeter at something.

Personally, I share a bandicap with Sidney Crosby, Cole Hamels, Wes Welker, Matthew Stafford and LaDanian Tomlinson; fifteens all around.

Obviously, there are bigger things than golf, and while I'm green with envy when I see the handicaps of guys like Mike Schmidt, Mark McGwire, Tony Romo etc, On the other hand I get a kick out of the fact that if I played golf with Derek Jeter, I'd likely take him to the woodshed, or that If I played 18 with Evan Longoria (12.6), I'd give him a run for his money.

And because I place value on odd things in my life, that fact helps me sleep.

While I'll never play professional sports, golf or baseball…and its likely Livan Hernandez will retire from MLB and get his PGA tour card, as he's said he will, it is pretty cool to be able to find my name smack in the middle of a list of sports legends, even though I'm jealous of all of them.

And with that, its back out into the cold and rain and wind to trek to my car to go home, pour a rocks glass of Ron Zaccapa 23 year rum, and settle in for some playoff baseball.

Be sure to send your week four picks to jerkasaurusrex27@yahoo.com to "Beat the Jerk" this week. Congratulations to Matt Harrington, last weeks winner.

Until next time kids…..

Patriots defense comes up big in win

Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

The New England Patriots defense came up with big plays throughout Sunday's game against Baltimore, but none were bigger than their two crucial fourth down stops late in the fourth quarter to seal a 27-21 victory over the Ravens.

With five minutes left in the game, Ty Warren came up and stuffed Baltimore running back Willis McGahee short of a first down on a fourth-and-inches play.

Four minutes later, the Ravens faced another fourth down, this time a fourth-and-four with 32 second left in the game.

It was the Ravens last chance to win the game, but once again the Patriots stopped them in their tracks, as Joe Flacco's pass to Mark Clayton fell incomplete.

"That was quite a finish," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "Stop them on fourth down twice in the fourth quarter, that's when you've got to be there. Luckily, we were."

The Patriots should also thank Mr. Clayton and his slippery hands for the stop, as Flacco's pass was on target but Clayton was unable to pull it in.

The game both started and ended with a bang, as the first play was a forced fumble by Eric Alexander on the Ravens' kickoff return. The fumble was recovered by Brandon McGowan, giving New England the ball at the Ravens 12 yard line. But the trend from the Patriots win over Atlanta continued, as they failed to score a touchdown in the red zone and had to settle for a field goal.

Photo courtesy of bostonherald.com
Brandon McGowan's fumble recovery.

The Ravens responded with a touchdown, as quarterback Joe Flacco connected with Derrick Mason to give Baltimore a 7-3 lead. New England took the lead right back though, as Tom Brady converted a red zone touchdown with a 1-yard quarterback sneak.

The Patriots went into halftime leading 17-7 after Sammy Morris rushed for a 12-yard touchdown before the break. The Ravens almost scored right before halftime, but cornerback Leigh Bodden intercepted a Flacco pass close to the end zone to keep the 17-7 lead for New England.

The second half brought more blitzing and intense defense, but it was Baltimore that came up with a big defensive play.

Terrell Suggs sacked Brady close to his own end zone and caused a fumble that was picked up by Dwan Edwards in the end zone for a Baltimore touchdown. "We kind of had control of the game and then Suggs turned it around," Belichick said.

Brady came back and found Randy Moss for a 14-yard touchdown, Moss' first of the season, to put the Pats up 24-14 late in the third quarter. Baltimore scored once more on a 13-yard pass from Flacco to McGahee to start the fourth quarter.

New England went up 27-21 following a field goal with seven minutes left in the game. The game would end with that score, as the Patriots defense buckled down and stopped the Ravens on fourth-down attempts on their final two drives.

"I'm glad we got the win, but I'm sure there are plenty of things we need to improve on," Brady said after the game "We're just going to stay at it."

New England will face another undefeated team this Sunday, as they go on the road to face the Denver Broncos (4-0) and new head coach Josh McDaniel. The game will kickoff this Sunday at 4:15 p.m.

Yankees welcome Minnesota Twins

Caitlin Handcock
Voice Reporter

How appropriate that the two teams who took 85 wins each after 162 games needed not only game 163 but extra innings. The Minnesota Twins and the Detroit Tigers played for the American League Central pennant Tuesday night.

Winner packs their bags for New York for a playoff date with the Yankees, loser goes home and watches the post season from the comforts of their home. The game was filled with game saving diving catches, hard fought battles at the plate, line drives, singles, doubles, triples, and home runs. Game 163 went to 12 innings but in the end the Twins popped open the champagne bottles.

However excited Orlando Cabrera, Joe Mauer, Delmon Young and the rest of the Twins may be, the celebration will be cut short. Chanting, dancing, and champagne showers in the clubhouse will occur like any other team that clinches a pennant, but in the back of their minds they know what the next step is. The New York Yankees are waiting.

The Twins have struggled against the Yankees, to the say the least. The Yankees won all seven match ups this season, three in walk off fashion. CC Sabathia will take the mound in Yankee Stadium, Wednesday for game one of the series. The series will be in the Yankees' favor. The Twins will have to deal with the time zone change, a plane flight, and whatever sleep they got after the adrenalin rush of Tuesday's game. They will also have a struggle with their bullpen. The Twins went through eight pitchers in game 163 and the Yankees bullpen have been on a few days rest.

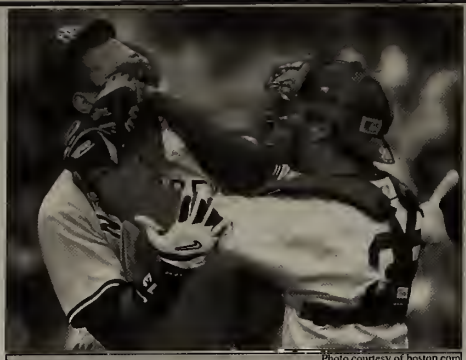
Cabrera could pose a threat as well as Mauer, Young, and Michael Cuddyer to the Bronx Bombers. Cabrera is said to be "a shortstop who makes all the routine plays" but can that beat a shortstop known for difficult defensive plays who seems to "always show up at the right time" as Joe Torre once said about Derek Jeter.

Twins fans have chanted MVP for Twin's catcher Joe Mauer. His numbers are astonishing. He sits second among the team stats in runs with 94 and an impressive first place in the hits categories with 189. Twins fans also love to mention the Mauer did miss about a month earlier in the season.

However, the Yankees have two names in the MVP poll and they are definitely not names you want to overlook or underestimate. Derek Jeter sits first among the bombers with 212 hits, tied for first with Johnny Damon with 107 runs, and leads the team with an on base percentage of .406. Mark Teixeira is not only thrown around the MVP poll but the Golden Glove Award as well. He leads the team in homeruns with 43 and Runners Batted In with 122. Minnesota's top RBI hitter is Jason Kubel with 103.

The Yankees have seven players who have hit more then 20 homeruns this season and Derek Jeter only needs to hit two more before joining the elite group. The Twins have six homerun hitters with more than twenty stacked up this season. The five game series between the two teams should be a battle of hitters.

However, the Yankees have the better pitching staff with more pitchers who can last well into the fifth or sixth inning. The Yankees are in a better position to face the winner of the Angels-Red Sox match up and let's face it, that's what most New England fans are hoping for in the American League Championship series.



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Jason Varitek shoves Alex Rodriguez in a 2004 game.

Red Sox face Los Angeles Angels

Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

Once again the Red Sox will face the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in the American League Division Series.

These two teams have met in the postseason 3 times in the past 5 years, with the Red Sox winning each time. Could this be the result again this year?

One thing I will say about the Angels is that they have a very good offense this year. Along with that, they still have speed on the bases.

In the past Red Sox pitchers have been able to shut down the Angels at the plate.

The question is can they do that again this year?

I hate to admit it, but this year's Sox rotation isn't as strong as previous years.

However, I believe they can still get the job done with Lester and Beckett to lead the way.

Both teams know how to score runs.

That's obvious.

So I feel that this series will come down to who has the better pitching staff. On paper, that team is the Red Sox.

As far as starting pitching goes, the ERA's are fairly close, the Red Sox with 4.63 and the Angels with 4.44.

The deciding factor could be the bullpen.

The Red Sox bullpen has a 3.80 ERA, which was 2nd in the league. With a 4.49 relief ERA, the Angels were 11th in the league.

If each game turns out to be a pitcher's duel like I'm thinking, this will be a very interesting series to watch.

The closers and set up men will have their work cut out for them, and runs need to be scored early.

Like most other Red Sox fans, I would love to see another head to head Red Sox vs. Yankees American League Championship Series.

Watching those is exciting and heartbreaking and amazing all at the same time.

The things that happen when these two teams compete are unbelievable.

I've met a few Red Sox fans who believe that if the Red Sox play another team in the ALCS and win, then the victory doesn't count as much as if we played the Yankees.

It's almost like we didn't earn it as much because we didn't beat the Yankees.

I'm not one of those fans.

I see it this way.

If the Yankees didn't make it past the ALDS, then there was a better team that got the best of them.

We play that better team and beat them, and we move on.

The Red Sox don't have to play the Yankees just for the victory to be sweet. Red Sox vs. Yankees games are more entertaining to watch though.

Now, for my prediction.

I think that the Red Sox will end up in the ALCS.

To go even further, I see them playing the Yankees in the ALCS. So here's my pick: Red Sox for the win over the Angels in four games.

Tune into the games on TBS to see if I'm right!

Ted Williams' head mistreated at facility

Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

Earlier this week the New York Daily News came out with a report that famous Red Sox slugger Ted Williams' head was mistreated at a cryogenics lab in Arizona.

A former executive at the Alcor Life Extension Foundation in Scottsdale, Arizona tells in a new book, the atrocities that went on in this facility, including the mistreatment of Ted Williams' head.

When Williams died he was sent to Alcor to be frozen.

The book reports that Williams' head was severed, frozen, and used for batting practice.

His head was reportedly placed in a tuna can, and employees began trying to dislodge it by hitting it with a wrench.

Now I'm going to tell you how I feel about this entire situation.

I think it's horrific and extremely disrespectful.

He wasn't just Ted Williams, he was somebody's father, brother, son, etc.

If what this former executive wrote is true, what I want to know is how this was allowed to go on, and how the idea even came into the employees' heads. Why would someone violate another human being like that, dead or alive?

When I first heard about this I was stunned.

It's still unbelievable as I write this article.

No one deserves to be treated that way whether you're as famous at Ted Williams, or John Smith from Ohio.

Hopefully someone gets to the bottom of this sometime soon, whether it's confirming or denying.

People are going to pay attention and want answers, especially those in Red Sox Nation, considering Williams was a huge part of it.

He's still talked about.

On another note, I hope that Williams' family gets involved.

In all reality I see them suing Alcor for all they have.

I would honestly be surprised if some kind of lawsuit doesn't result from this tell all book.

Photo courtesy of cnbc.com
Ted Williams

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Just be aware that there will probably be a few money matters that will require your attention this week. You're bound to have to deal with some unexpected financial developments right now.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
If you've got a few responsibilities or obligations to others this week, you probably won't really feel like dealing with them right now. You might be feeling a little resentful and could end up doing quite a bit of complaining before the day is through.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
Try to spend a little time alone this week working on some sort of creative project if you can. You could end up feeling a little exhausted before the week is through though. So just be sure that you remember to eat well and get enough rest.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You probably ought to be ready to have to deal with a few tensions around the house this week. Just be careful what you say though because you might tend to say things without thinking them through first.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Even if it might be tough, it'd probably be a good idea to talk things over with someone and try to resolve any difficult issues if you can. You might not be all that careful with your words right now though. So just try to be a little more aware of the things you say.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You could be very curious to learn a little more about everything and everyone around you this week, and you're likely to find yourself enjoying plenty of interesting conversations before the week is through.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
Don't be surprised if you find yourself feeling a little selfish or self-centered at the moment. And you could end up getting into some disputes with others over money matters or other sensitive issues right now. Just try not to take anything for granted or you could end up getting into some trouble this week.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You might find yourself behaving a bit unpredictably this week when it comes to your most important relationships, and this could lead to a few misunderstandings. If you're feeling a little confused about what to do where some partnership issues are concerned right now, just try to give things a chance to settle down a bit.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
If someone else is expecting you to go out of your way to do something for them this week, you might not be feeling up to it and there could be a few arguments to have to deal with. Many things may not be totally clear to you right now.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Just realize that you might be expected to have to be a little more serious and responsible than you might like this week. You'd probably much rather be out having a little fun right now. Someone important might be giving you a bit of a hard time this week.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
If you want to keep the peace this week, try to spend a little quality time around the house with someone special if you can. Some interesting developments could be popping up for you on the home front before the week is through.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
You might be a bit preoccupied with all sorts of interesting plans and ideas at this time, but try not to make any commitments quite yet if you can help it. You might find yourself arguing with someone this week. Try to remain aware of their feelings.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Baked BBQ (LOW-CAL) Chicken

2 tsp. vegetable oil
1/2 cup onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 cup catsup
1/4 cup cider vinegar
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
3 tbsp. brown sugar
2 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. cumin
Dash cayenne pepper
1 (2 1/2 lb.) chicken

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Heat oil in a small saucepan.
3. Add onion and cook over medium heat until softened
4. Add garlic and let cook for 1 minute
5. Add next 7 ingredients (catsup, cider vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar, chili powder, cumin)
6. Add a little bit of cayenne pepper
7. Simmer, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes.
8. Arrange chicken in a large baking dish (big enough to hold chicken in single layer)
9. Pour barbeque sauce over chicken
10. Bake uncovered until chicken is tender for 30-45 minutes
11. ENJOY!! (with mashed potatoes!!)

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Monday 10/12	High 61 Low 39		Showers
Tuesday 10/13	High 57 Low 37		Partly Cloudy
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Thursday 10/15	High 78 Low 52		AM Showers

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Dunkin' Donuts
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Westfield State College: Crime Facts

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Editor-In-Chief

Westfield State College is a safe place. There doesn't tend to be violent acts occurring every weekend and the majority of the offenses that do occur on campus have to do with liquor violations.

As a recent Campus Safety Chronicle has been sent out, many students are becoming more and more aware of what's actually happening on campus.

According to the Campus Safety Chronicle, in 2008, there were 394 liquor violations that required disciplinary actions/judicial referrals on campus, compared to 524 in 2006.

While the liquor violations have declined, the drug law violations have increased with 33 disciplinary acts/ judicial referrals on campus compared to 23 in 2006.

Not that these offenses should be brushed off, but they're common issues on college campuses and the numbers are not as shocking as they could potentially be.

There have been no murders, arson or hate crimes reported on campus or within any of the residence halls since 2006, according to the Campus Safety Chronicle. There have, however, been alleged rapes that have occurred on the Westfield State campus. In 2007, there were 6 reported rapes and in 2008, there were 3 reported rapes. These numbers seem similar to other area schools. At UMass Amherst there were 4 forcible rapes in reported in 2008 according to UMass Amherst's Annual Security Report and 3 forcible sex offenses in 2008 at Springfield College, according to Springfield College's 2008 Annual Campus Security Report.

Westfield State College's Public Safety building.

Luckily, the numbers of offenses of this nature have been low at Westfield and many area colleges. However, 60% of sexual assaults are not reported to police, according to the

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Echoes of the Great Game around the world

Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

The 19th century witnessed a strategic competition between the British and Russian empires for dominance in Central Asia. British strategic planners were concerned that Czarist Russian ascendency in the region would have threatened the "jewel in the crown of the British Empire" and the vast wealth Great Britain derived from its control over the Indian subcontinent. This rivalry came to be known as "the Great Game;" its focal point was Afghanistan. There the British fought two wars over the course of the century (and fought a third in the early 20th) in order to ensure that Afghanistan remained a buffer state against Russian expansion. The competition between the British and Russian empires, along with the empires themselves, exists now only in the pages of history. The strategic centrality of Afghanistan, however, remains.

If there is indeed a new "Great Game" being played out by the powers of the world today, it includes at least two distinct levels. At the global level, Afghanistan and Central Asia are of vital interest to the strategic planners and energy corporations of America, Russia, China, India, other regional countries, and many from around the world.

The prizes to be won are oil, natural gas, and control over the pipelines that carry both.

Though it was a coincidence that the Union Oil Company of California (Unocal) opened an office across the street from one of Osama Bin Laden's compounds in the Afghan city of Kandahar in 1996, the fact that they were looking to do business in Afghanistan during the mid-1990s was not.

The planned Trans-Afghanistan Pipeline (TAP) was what brought Unocal and other energy companies to Afghanistan. Upon completion, the pipeline would carry natural gas from Turkmenistan to India, the world's 12th largest economy and amongst its fastest growing, while traversing Afghanistan and Pakistan. Unocal backed out of the project in 1998 and has since merged with Chevron. As for the pipeline itself, construction has been put on hold by the American-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and the ongoing war there.

Aside from oil and natural gas interests, both Afghanistan and Central Asia remain geo-political concerns for the international community and especially the United States. The U.S and NATO have staked their reputations, resources, and the lives of their soldiers on the bid to defeat the insurgency and establish a viable government in Afghanistan. Their effort there has depended on the states of Central Asia. With the Khyber Pass at the Afghan-Pakistani border often closed, supplies are brought to Afghanistan through bases in countries like Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Both countries are ruled by oppressive dictators but Islam Karimov of Uzbekistan is by far the worst violator of human rights in the region. Also, despite the rhetoric of renewed tensions between Russia and the U.S. following the August 2008 war between Georgia and Russia, Russian aircraft have been flying supplies to Afghanistan while some Afghan security forces have been training inside Russia. Even from the beginning, the American-led effort greatly involved Afghanistan's neighbors.

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Woodward Center

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"Pushing the Envelope"
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DC gender discrimination

Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

Editor's Note; The following article is an opinion piece and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Westfield Voice.

Westfield State College's Dining Commons

I may not know the life of a cafeteria worker. For all I know, it could be really difficult or really boring at that. But, I do know what it is like to be a college student, a stressful, hungry, tired, just-want-to-be-relaxed and have lunch college student. Going through the entrée line here at WSC, I noticed that as a female it is really hard for me to get the portions of food that I want and frankly, it's unfair.

I understand guys, especially ones who play sports, are bigger and probably eat more food, but that shouldn't mean that when a female goes through the line she should get three times less food than the male in front of her. This happened to me the other day.

I was waiting in the entrée line to get what looked like a delicious meal: BBQ pork sandwich and curly fries. I was standing behind a male student and was just observing the amount of food he got since my friend had mentioned this sex bias before.

I realized, then, when I got my food that I had gotten much less than he did. His roll had so much pork in it that the lunch lady couldn't even close it and he got about three handfuls of curly fries. Lo and behold, I receive my plate with three tiny slabs of pork so small you can barely see them with one handful of fries. Needless to say, I was not happy. In fact, I was quite distraught by this wondering why it should matter if I am a male or a female. Now, even though I'm a girl and they're stereotypically "not supposed to eat a lot" I like to eat. I make sure I fill myself when I'm at the D.C. because hey I'm paying for it right? I don't want to get ripped off.

Yeah, I know there are tons of other choices. But I don't want pasta or pizza or salad or a sandwich... I want the entrée meal which is why I got it in the first place. And I want enough of it to fill me up.

Come to find out it's not just like this at WSC. An article from www.seriouseats.com with an interview with Tim Zagat of the eponymous guidebooks answers the question "Do men get better service than women at restaurants?"

"Yes. Women arriving together very often get shown to less-desirable seats. Men always seem to be offered the bill, regardless of who's paying, even the female boss," said Zagat. And when it comes to tasting wine, "very often they'll give it to almost every man at the table before they get around to [the woman] ordering the wine," according to Zagat.

There you have it. For some reason men seem to be the dominant figure not just in households, but at family oriented places like restaurants, too. It's just not right. Women should be treated the same way as men in every aspect. We can vote now, right? Then, please, just give us more food.

Crime statistics at Westfield State

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Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), leaving the real number of sexual assaults to be unknown. It's important to report these types of actions to police or officials, especially because college age women are 4 times more likely to be sexually assaulted, according to RAINN.

It's important to be aware of your surroundings at all times, whether you're male or female. According to RAINN, 1 in 6 women will be victim of sexual assault in their lifetime, as well as 1 in 33 males.

Some tips to try to avoid getting into a potentially dangerous situation, such as a sexual assault, are to try to always walk in groups and on well-lit paths, stay focused on the area around you when walking and always lock your car doors once you're in your vehicle.

Another crime highlighted in the WSC Campus Safety Chronicle is burglary. In 2008 there were 4 burglaries reported at Westfield State compared to 9 reported burglaries in 2006. One way to help prevent these burglaries is by locking your door. It may seem silly to do it when you're just running down the hall or going to take a shower, but it only takes a few minutes to break into your room and grab a laptop or your iPod. One twist of the key could save you hundreds of dollars in replacements.

Compared to UMass Amherst, we're doing all right in the burglary department. In 2008 alone they had 63 reports of on campus burglary. Granted they are a bigger campus with more students, it's still a good sign that our numbers are so low when they could be much higher.

It's important for the Westfield community that any crime experienced by or seen by a part of our college community is reported as soon as possible.

According to the WSC Campus Crime Chronicle, "Recipients of crime information should encourage victims of crimes to come forward and advise them of the other resources available to them on the campus. The Counseling Center, Student Affairs, Student Security, or Residential Life staffs are available for reporting assistance."

With that said, it's important to be a support system for your peers if they've experienced or seen a crime. They could be confiding in you a bit of information that could help protect our college community so it's important for you to encourage them to come forward.

To reach the Westfield State College Department of Pubic Safety call x5262 and if you have an emergency, call 911 or x5555.

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Anyone else hate the little dig?

Imagine this.

You have somewhere to be.

Time of day is not a factor, all that matters is you're going somewhere and you're driving.

As you start out on your journey, you get a mile down the road and you hit a red light.

No biggie, right?

Traffic signals are just part of the game. Four hundred and sixty three feet down the road, you hit another traffic signal; Alright, no big deal again.

Seven hundred and nine feet further down the road, you hit another traffic signal and now you're thinking this is ridiculous.

But wait, one thousand eight hundred and ninety six feet down the road you hit, you guessed it ANOTHER red light.

By now, you've wasted a good 5 minutes waiting in these lines at these lights (all of which include an extra 30 seconds a piece for the protected left hand turn if you're traveling the opposite direction) and you're wondering how much longer this is going to take knowing you've some place to be.

Or this nightmare scenario;

Photo courtesy of blogspot.com

The old Westfield, MA bridge.

You get off the highway and make a right to come to school.

You've got about 20 minutes to travel 4.06 miles to make your 8:15 on time. No problem, right?

(Insert sadistic laughter here) Wrong.

Well, at least if you live, work or go to school in the town of Westfield you'd be wrong. It would be safe to assume that besides maybe downtown Manhattan or Los Angeles, you'd be able to travel 4.06 miles in 20 minutes. If you're traveling 16.24 mph the whole way, that should be no problem.

Not in Westfield.

In Westfield, from the turnpike to the college campus, using the fastest route according to Mapquest.com (Elm st. to Russell Rd to Lloyds Hill to Western Ave.) it would take the average Westfield State college student 25-30 minutes to get to the school.

While this is pain for students, imagine being a resident, living here all day, every day for the past few years while the construction has dragged on longer than your Aunts wedding did when you were six.

Obviously construction and renovations are a necessary evil, but if you've spent more than 10 minutes driving through downtown Westfield (and unless you've got a siren on your car and a donut shop to get to, you have) you've probably wondered aloud, "if we can put a man on the moon, why can't we figure out a way to travel 4.06 miles in less than 30 minutes"

Westfield's version the Big Dig has been a mind-numbingly slow process for anyone in the area and has made a mess of the downtown district.

We can only hope that someday, in a time far far away, both bridges will be open and traffic can flow smoothly in both directions.

Then people could make it to school and work in a timely fashion.

Until then folks, keep making those mixes you love to sing along to, stay on your toes and watch for quick-braking infidels and rapid light changes and enjoy your stay in beautiful Westfield!

The Game continued world wide

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When the Bush administration decided to invade Afghanistan in the autumn of 2001 in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, it faced having no previously drawn up plans for any large-scale American military action in the country. As a result, during the initial stages of the war, the U.S. re-activated many of its ties with Afghan warlords who had fought against the Soviets and supported their forces against the Taliban. The American military presence mostly consisted of bombers, Special Forces troops, and CIA field officers providing logistical support for the Northern Alliance in its drive towards Kabul and Kandahar.

The Northern Alliance, starting in the 1990s, had received support from Iran, India, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and even Russia. The prospect of Islamic fundamentalists taking over Afghanistan was enough to convince the Russians of the need to arm some of the same people who had fought against them less than a decade earlier. The support of India for the Northern Alliance though brings us to the piece of the Afghan puzzle that remains the most troubling today.

For many Pakistani military officers and the Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISI), supporting jihad was and still remains an acceptable way of achieving Pakistan's perceived foreign policy goals. This was not a problem for the U.S. government when the ISI was channeling U.S. and Saudi aid and weapons to those fighting against the Soviet Army in Afghanistan during the 1980s. Pakistani dictator Muhammad Zia-ul Haq, along with the ISI, insisted that the aid go to the most radical elements of the anti-Soviet resistance. Secular nationalists like Abdul Haq were given the cold shoulder. The joint-U.S., Saudi, and Pakistani intelligence program also helped bring Osama bin Laden and other Arab fighters to Afghanistan to help in the fight against the Soviets, while at least 35,000 were trained and equipped at camps in Pakistan.

With the withdrawal of the Soviet Union, Afghanistan descended into an all-out civil war between the warlords who had fought against the Soviets (along with those who had fought alongside them). Rising from the ashes was the Taliban. Seen by the Pakistani military and ISI as a proxy from the beginning, they assisted the Taliban in its fight to control all of Afghanistan. Pakistan's rivalry with India was the driving factor behind this policy. The hard-line Pakistani generals and ISI officers saw Afghanistan as a battlefield between Pakistan and India. In their view, Afghanistan could also serve as a fall-back area if a war erupted between India and Pakistan, and having a Pakistani proxy in power would eliminate the possibility of India sandwiching Pakistan between itself and allies in Afghanistan. Pakistan's attempts to turn Afghanistan into a protectorate in this manner precipitated greater Indian support for the Taliban's opponents. Pakistani support for the Taliban backfired when by the turn of the century, the growing independence and radicalism of the group made it more difficult to control or even influence. Disturbingly, this did not pose a problem for the most extreme elements of the military and ISI.

Photo courtesy of the White House

President Obama listens to his cabinet and top military advisers during a meeting on October 7.

India and Pakistan have fought four official wars and numerous skirmishes against one another since the partition of British India and the establishment of India and Pakistan as sovereign nations in 1947. Both powers have powerful militaries and possess nuclear weapons. They came to the brink of an all-out war in the standoff of 2001-2002. Though Afghanistan has been the main topic of this article, for the Indian-Pakistani rivalry, Afghanistan remains a sideshow compared to the long-disputed territory of Kashmir. Divided into separate Pakistani and Indian controlled territories (along with a Chinese one as well), the support for jihad by the Pakistani military and ISI has been the primary feature of Pakistani policy towards Indian controlled Kashmir. Members of one of the ISI-backed groups operating in Kashmir, the Lashkar-e-Taiba ("Army of the Good"), carried out the massacres in Mumbai, India in November 2008 that left at least 173 people dead.

Returning to Afghanistan, the extension of the Indian-Pakistani rivalry there has taken a bloody turn once again over the past couple years. In July of 2008, Taliban militants with ties to the ISI bombed the Indian embassy in Kabul in an attack that killed 54 people. Abdullah Laghmani, the Afghan Deputy Chief of Intelligence at the time, connected the attackers to known ISI officers through their cell-phone records. Laghmani was assassinated by the Taliban on September 2nd 2009. On October 8th 2009, the Taliban once again bombed the Indian embassy in Kabul and this time killed 14 people.

Afghan officials immediately voiced their suspicions of Pakistani involvement. Given the ISI's

Student of the Week

Nikki Nado
Junior
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If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Probably Angelina Jolie because she helps people and sleeps with Brad Pitt.

If you listen could listen only three bands for the rest of your life, what would they be?
Pepper
The Doors
The Grateful Dead

What movie best describe your life and why?
"Outside Providence" because the kid is from the same town that I'm from and the movie is filmed on the URI campus, which is my favorite place in the world.
And I feel a connection to the girl Jane in the movie.

What would your last meal be?
Eggplant parmesan with mashed potatoes, but those kind of mashed potatoes that have the red skins in them.

What are you doing when you leave Westfield State?
I really want to do Teach for America for one year and hopefully teach on an Indian reservation in Arizona and love it and hopefully live there. But if that doesn't work out, move to Washington State.

What is your favorite material possession?
My cell phone.

Advertise yourself:
I like to have a good time and do things, not sit around. I like to think that I'm funny. I also like to think that I'm a loyal person.
I'm good at keeping secrets and I'll bail you out of jail... if I'm not in jail with you.

If you would like to be Student of the Week, e-mail thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

The Angry Liberal

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

"We are all Americans. We are all equal Americans, gay, straight or whatever" said Judy Shepard at a gay rights rally in Washington last weekend.

Ms. Shepard's son, Matthew, was beaten to death by two men in 1998 for his sexual orientation.

Ms. Shepard has become an active supporter of gay rights and Matthew's death has affected hate crime legislation in the U.S. Congress.

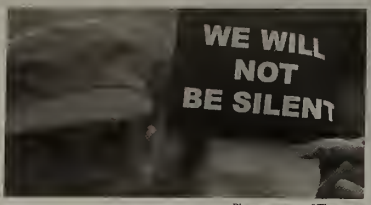
But this kind of hate crime doesn't really happen anymore, right?

Wrong.

Just last Friday, the police in New York City reported that an openly gay man was severely beaten as two men shouted anti-gay slurs at him.

This cannot be tolerated and most would agree with that, but there is still much opposition to other plans that the gay rights activists have in mind for change.

President Obama is hoping to follow through with his campaign promises to the gay rights groups in trying to get Congress to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and in ending the "don't ask, don't tell" policy in the military.



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A protestor opposed to the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy during a rally in New York City.

This policy has run its course.

If a person cannot be who he/she is in the military, then our military is a bunch of clones, not Americans. Americans are entitled to rights, and one of those implicit rights is the "pursuit of happiness."

If a person finds happiness with someone of the same sex, then the government should not get involved.

Who are policymakers and politicians to tell people that they can't pursue happiness?

It is hard enough for people to come out to parents and family and even friends, let alone in their job environment.

It's discrimination and it is time for it to end.

It's also time for the Defense of Marriage Act to be repealed, a measure that Obama is trying to push through Congress.

He's facing opposition, even from members of his own party.

Democratic Senator Bob Casey said that he was "not sure there's the support yet for that" and that he doesn't "think that's the way to go."

Senators and Representatives like Mr. Casey need to take a step back and try to remember when the last time their child, or brother, or friend was denied the right to marry a person of the same sex.

Maybe it's time to push the federal government to end the Defense of Marriage Act.

Maybe we should really listen to Ms. Shepard's words: "We are all equal Americans."

That includes gay people.

It's about time the government recognized that.

Editor's Desk

It's so difficult to get motivated after a long weekend (even though I have a long weekend every weekend because of my nonexistent Monday classes). I pretty much fell asleep at my internship today and the idea of even starting on my homework makes me want to cry. I think we need a "Fall Break" where we have like some random Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday off in the middle of the week. That'd be absolutely fabulous. Extremely unrealistic, but fabulous.

Anyways, I'd like to remind everyone that next week (the week of 10/19) is National Collegiate Alcohol Week so be sure to attend some of the A.C.E. event that'll be happening on campus.

Also, the Class of 2010 is selling sweatshirts! They're only $35 and can be purchased at the Campus Service window in Ely.

That about covers it. Have a wonderful weekend! :)

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Day in the life of a flight attendant

Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Have you ever wondered to yourself what the ideal job would be while you sit sipping on a Jazzman's smoothie and peruse through an enlightening edition of "The Westfield Voice"?

I found myself in that situation a week ago and decided that it would be amazing to be a flight attendant because for all of you that don't know, they get to travel for free.

I looked up how to become a flight attendant as well as what it's like being for one a day.

I read about a typical day for a flight attendant and thought our Westfield Community would prosper from reading about it.

I found this interesting piece from flightattendantfacts.com and perhaps will do a "Day in the Life of" article every week.

So after you enjoy reading this gem, send in your suggestions to "The Voice" at thevoice.wsc.ma.edu.

A flight attendants day is different for every trip.

Some trips that a flight attendant may go on are naps, day lines, two day, three day, four days, and sometimes longer.

Some trips are domestic while other trips are international which makes that trip quite different.

For example, for a flight attendant going on a two-day domestic trip their schedule might look like this: duty in late morning for a two day trip laying over at Orange County, CA from Dallas Ft. Worth.

You check in via a sign in sheet or a computer, to show that you have arrived for your trip.

You go to your mailbox, which is located at the flight attendant's lounge to see if you received anything in your box.

You look on the screen to check where your airplane is located and if it is on the ground.

Once the plane is in place, you go for your pre-flight checks and to meet the other crewmembers.

You do your pre-flight by checking to make sure that all emergency equipment are there and operational.

Then you go through the cabin to make sure everything looks good and clean and you check your galley to make sure that you have all of what you will need for that flight as far as drinks and snacks.

After you've made all of your routine checks, you give the okay to the flight crew and the ramper that you are ready to board and the passengers start arriving.

You and the other flight attendants welcome and assist the passengers to their seats and help with their bags.

Once all the passengers have boarded, you or another flight attendant will make a boarding announcement.

When the flight crew is done with their paper work you close the boarding door and do a walk through the cabin, getting ready for taxi.

While in taxi, you or another flight attendant will make a departure announcement. Then you walk through the cabin again

to make sure everyone is ready for take off. You tell your flight crew that cabin is ready and you take your jump-seat.

Your flight crew will let you know once you have reached 10 thousand feet and you make a beverage announcement at that time.

After it is safe to do so, the flight crew will turn off the seat belt sign and you start on your beverage service.

You and the other flight attendants will go through the cabin serving every passenger snacks and drinks.

Throughout the flight you walk through the cabin picking up cups and other trash from passengers.

Your flight crew will let you know when you are about 30 minutes from arriving to Orange County, CA.

You make your initial approach announcement and start cleaning and preparing the cabin for arrival.

You and the other flight attendant will fill out a catering form for anything that the next flight will need.

The flight crew lets you know that you are at final approach and you make your final approach announcement and do one last cabin check.

The airplane lands and you make your arrival announcement.

The airplane parks at the gate, and the seat belt sign turns off and you open the boarding door.

The passengers deplane and you say good-bye and thank you to them as they exit.

Your crew checks the cabin one last time, making sure that everyone had deplaned and didn't leave anything behind.

You leave the airplane and go to the transportation pick-up area to find your hotel van where you fill out the forms for the hotel and get your room key.

You get to the hotel, walk to your room and do a room check with your door open to make sure that your room is clear.

There's usually restaurants and shopping near the hotel so you decide to leave your room to get something to eat and window shop.

You might meet your crew for dinner or just go get food on your own. And since your duty-in tomorrow is late morning, you can get a drink or two before bed-time.

So you meet your crew at the hotel bar to socialize and get a couple of drinks.

The night starts getting late and you decide to get to your room to go to sleep.

You wake up the next morning, and maybe eat at the hotel restaurant for breakfast.

You get dressed and ready for your trip again back home, which will take you to Salt Lake City, UT then on home to Dallas Ft. Worth.

You meet your crew down stairs at the hotel lobby and you all get into the hotel van for the airport.

Once at the airport, you go through security and find your airplane.

You board your aircraft and do your pre-flight and cabin checks once again.

When everything is clear to board, passengers board the aircraft and the flight is off to Salt Lake City.

At Salt Lake City, the passengers deplane and you board your flight up once again for your flight to Dallas Ft. Worth and once you arrive you deplane the passengers.

You check the cabin one last time then you leave the aircraft and head towards the flight attendant lounge.

At the flight attendant lounge, you check your mail-box one more time before leaving, for any notes or revision.

Then you are free to leave and catch the bus to the employee parking lot where you get into your car to go home.

Editor's Desk

Hello winter!!!

(Where the heck did you come from?)

I'd just like to say that there should be at least another month (maybe even more) of sandal wearing weather, but I froze my tootsie's off today walking to class! Time to think about taking that coveted spring break cruise to wherever! I need the sun!

Anyone else getting a little stressed out? First of all, I can't believe it's halfway through the semester - seniors, we are almost done - how scary is that? Second of all, getting ready for a spring internship is freaking me out as well. I did a summer internship, but applying for a spring one just means the end is near. (Yeah I know, it's only October!) I feel like we just began and already we are about to begin advising!

Anyways! Have fun and heads up - it's almost the weekend again!

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REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

TOMMIE SMITH AND JOHN CARLOS

We often look at the athlete as an individual for the individual, or at most, for the team. Perhaps that is why on October 16th, 1968, at the Mexico City Olympics, when Tommie Smith and John Carlos gave their moment to call attention to problems of segregation and oppression of African-American people, they became, in a sense, heroes for more than their athletic feats. During the playing of the National Anthem, Smith and Carlos raised their black-gloved fists in the air, the "Black Power" salute, to protest Black poverty and, as Carlos said "... for those that were lynched or

killed and that no one said a prayer for." The move sparked controversy and was front-page news worldwide the next morning. Initially, Smith and Carlos were expelled from the games by the IOC for their actions but have since been embraced as icons and activists for social change.

LOMA PRIETA EARTHQUAKE

On October 17th, 1989 most people in the San Francisco-Bay area were getting ready for game 3 of the World Series when the unthinkable occurred; a 7.1 magnitude earthquake shook the ground for a nerve racking fifteen seconds, leaving in its wake $6 Billion in damages. The quake suspended the World Series for ten days and people in the San Francisco area were left without power for weeks. One of the most iconic ima-ges of the day was of the 1.25 mile-long, sec-ion of the two-level

Cypress Street Viaduct on Interstate 880, which collapsed as a result of the quake during rush hour traffic, accounting for 45 of the 63 quake-related fatalities.

On October 17th, 1989 most people were expecting game 3 of the World Series; what they got was the most devastating earthquake in California since 1906.

OSCAR WILDE

On October 16th, 1854 one of the great thinkers was born in Dublin, Ireland. Oscar Wilde contributed to aestheticism, philosophy, socialism and perhaps most known for his writing, most famously for his play "The Importance of Being Earnest," which satirizes some of the foibles and hypocrisy of late Victorian society.

The play, which is produced quite frequently the world over, closed after just 83 shows when it originally opened due to questions surro-

undi-ng Wil-de. Wil-de's sex-ual-ity was near-ly a hot a topic as his work and during a time when homosexuality was frowned upon to say the least, Wilde faced questions about it.

While he was married to a woman named Constance Holland, it was rumored that he had numerous homosexual encounters.

WSC MENTOR NETWORK

The WSC Mentor Program is an easy way to contact alumni and friends who are interested in your success. One of the best ways to learn about careers you are considering is to talk to those who have experience in that field. Mentors can provide an insider's perspective on specific industries. Mentors can also give you feedback on your resume, make suggestions for other professionals to contact, and offer leads to jobs or internships. The possibilities are endless.

How can an alumni mentor help me?

- tours of their workplace
- informational interviewing
- job shadowing
- leads on jobs and internships
- feedback on your resume

How do I find a mentor?

To search for and connect with an alumni mentor, just follow these steps:

- Go to: www.myinterfase.com/westfield (Career Connections).
- If you have not registered on this site, complete the brief registration page. You will be sent a message approving your new login and password.
- On the home page, select **Mentors** to search for mentors.
- You may search by employer, by job function, or by state.
- Information about each mentor's employer and industry appears. By clicking on a mentor's name, a full profile appears.

Then what?

Once you've made a choice as to who you'd like to contact, make the first move via email.

The Career Center can help with sample email scripts and sample questions to ask. Just contact us at careers@wsc.ma.edu, Westfield State College, Career Services, 577 Western Avenue, P.O. Box 1630, Lammers Hall Annex, Westfield, MA 01086. Our telephone number is (413) 572-5206, and our fax number is (413) 572-5475.

Campus Announcements

Aviation Day
Wednesday, October 28
10 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Free Raffle/Prizes
Exhibits
Cockpit Simulator

Ely Campus Center

National Collegiate Alcohol Week
Monday to Friday, October 19 - 23

More Information to Come!

Senior Night!
Friday, October 23 at The Perch
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

DJ and half priced food your your WSC student ID!

Top 10 Albums
1. Barbra Streisand - Love is the Answer
2. Paramore - Brand New Eyes
3. Mariah Carey - Memoirs of an Imperfect Auge...
4. Breaking Benjamin - Dear Agony
5. Alice in Chains - Black Gives Way to Blue
6. Jay-Z - The Blueprint 3
7. Madonna - Celebration
8. Miranda Lambert - Revolution
9. Selena Gomez & The Scene - Kiss and Tell
10. Pearl Jam - Backspacer

Top 10 Singles
1. Jay Sean ft. Little Wayne - Down
2. Miley Cyrus - Party in the U.S.A.
3. Jay-Z, Rihanna, & Kanye West - Run This Town
4. Jason DeRulo - Whatcha Say
5. The Black Eyed Peas - I Gotta Feeling
6. Lady Gaga - Paparazzi
7. Taylor Swift - You Belong With Me
8. Mariah Carey - Obsessed
9. Kings of Leon - Use Somebody
10. Jay-Z + Alicia Keys - Empire State of Mind

Top Movies
1. Couples Retreat
2. Zombieland
3. Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
4. Paranormal Activity
5. Toy Story

Upcoming Album Releases
1. The Flaming Lips - Embryonic
2. Sugarland - Gold and Green
3. Rammstein - Liebe Ist Fur Alle Da
4. Creed - Full Circle
5. Weezer - Raditude

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Numbers Season 5
2. Transformers - Revenge of the Fallen
3. Wrong Turn 3
4. Land of the Lose
5. Futurama series

Upcoming Video Games
1. NBA 2K10
2. DJ Hero
3. Grand Theft Auto: Episodes from Liberty City
4. Grand Theft Auto: The Ballad of Gay Tony
5. CSI - Deadly Intent

Upcoming Rock Band downloadable content (Harmonix)
1. Brutal Legend 3-pack: Motorhead - (We Are) The Road Crew '08, Tenacious D - The Metal, Testament - More Than Meets the Eye
2. Black Tide - Show Me the Way
3. Blink-182 - What's My Age Again?
4. Joe Satriani - Satch Boogie
5. Joe Satriani - Surfing with the Alien
6. Kansas - Icarus - Borne on the Wings of Steel (live)
7. Point of Know Return (live)
8. L7 - Andres

Guitar Hero 5 content
Wolfmother 3-pack
1. Wolfmother - Pilgrim
2. Wolfmother - California Queen
3. Wolfmother - Cosmic Egg

Time Machine

This week in Music History

by Franny Zupancic
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Billy Joel
Storm Front
October 31 1989

On October 31, 1989, Billy Joel released his eleventh studio album, "Storm Front." The veteran singer's album peaked at number one thanks to the success of "We Didn't Start the Fire" and "I Go to Extremes." It was Joel's first digitally-recorded album.

The album has gone on to sell over four million copies in the United States and is worth checking out. For an artist as successful as Billy Joel, one might be surprised to learn that "Fire" was one of a total of only three number one singles (the other two being "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me" and "Tell Her About It"). This is a bit of an ironic contradiction to his status of the sixth-highest-selling artist in the United States. Joel is the third-highest-selling solo artist in the U.S., trailing behind Garth Brooks and Elvis Presley.

Speaking of Garth Brooks, Storm Front contains "Shameless," a track that Brooks later covered for his 1991 "Ropin' the Wind" album. Billy Joel was a major inspiration for Brooks' career and it is apparent in the similarities between Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" and Brooks' "Ain't Goin' Down (Till the Sun Comes Up)."

Where is He Now?

Joel is currently on tour with Elton John, continuing their Face-to-Face tour, which will continue for the next two years or more.

In July of 2008, Joel performed at Shea Stadium along with various guests, including Garth Brooks, Paul McCartney, and Tony Bennett. The performance was to celebrate the history of the stadium, which was planned to be demolished. Joel is the only artist to have performed at both Shea Stadium and Yankee Stadium.

Billy Joel - Storm Front
October 1989
20th Anniversary

October Fun in Western Mass

Brianna Capen
Voice Reporter

Now that the leaves are turning their brilliant colors of red and orange and temperatures are dropping, you might be wondering what there is to do now that summer is over.

While I love going to the beach and sitting out in the sun, I always look forward to this time of year.

October is one of the most festive months during the year, and Western Mass has a bit of a "bad rep" for lacking in "excitement."

So, here is a list of things to do (many of which I have already done and totally recommend) all within a student's very tight budget.

The following are some local options:

Photo courtesy of commons.wikkimedia.org

Pumpkins on an autumn afternoon.

Under $20:
McCray's Farm
South Hadley, MA
Haunted Hay ride + Haunted House
Adult rides are $15 and start @ 7pm until the line ends.

Mike's Maze
Sunderland, MA
Corn Maze shaped like CHARLES DARWIN for his 200th birthday
Open Saturdays & Sundays
10am – 5pm
Prices: 13+ is $9, $8 with student ID
Visit Mikesmaze.com for a pumpkin discount coupon.

Rolling Acres Corn Maze and Mini-golf
Southampton, MA
Open Saturdays 1pm – 9pm & Sundays 1pm – 6pm
(Ends November 1st)
Prices: 13+ $12
(For both mini golf & corn maze.)

Atkin's Farm
South Amherst, MA
Pick your own Apples!
Prices Differ, Only open specific weekends.
Call (413) 253-9528 for availability

Old Sturbridge Village
Sturbridge, MA
Oct. 5pm-9pm
"Things that go bump in the night!"
Open daily!
Visit OSV.ORG for details
Prices: Adults $20

Historic Deerfield
Deerfield, MA
Supernatural Sunday 2009
October 25th
Open: 11am – 4pm
Prices: Adults $12

Haunted Village @ Camp Holy Cross
Goshen, MA
October 16-17 7pm-10pm
Prices: Adults $5

Free and/or Donations:
Barnum & Buckley's Haunted Farm
Southwick, MA
NO TICKET PRICE
(Donations accepted)
Open Oct. 23, 24, 25, 30, & 31 6:30pm – 9pm

Take a Hike!
Stanley Park
Westfield, MA
Free if you walk from campus!

#1 Ghost Hunter John Zaffis,
Longmeadow, MA
Oct. 23 @ 8pm FREE
Located at the FIRE-PLACE LOUNGE
Description: Zaffis discusses the paranormal from over 30 years experience.

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From the cheap seats

By: Matt Castonguay

I was wrong. So what? So were all you Red Sox fans who thought they'd man handle the Angles. Alright, so did I. Damnit. Last weekend sucked, huh?

Its bad enough for me that my pick to win it all, the St. Louis Cardinals, were swept out of the playoffs in round one, but the way in which they were; shocking.

Well, its not shocking that they lost. I mean, if a team strands 15 base runners like the Cardinals did in game one, they shouldn't win. And if you drop routine fly balls in extra innings the way Matt Holiday did, then you probably don't deserve to win either.

The Red Sox just never seemed to get a foot hold in the series, dropping the first two in run-of-the-mill fashion to the Angles, before finally showing Sox Nation a glimmer of hope in game 3 at Fenway, only to have Jonathan Papelbon blow the save and send the Sox to the golf course about a month sooner than they wanted and we expected.....

At least the Giants kicked some tail this weekend, beating the Raiders 44-7.

Don't look now, but Eli Manning may just be showing the world why its ok that he's the highest paid QB in the NFL, and Steve Smith is quickly becoming *the* Steve Smith in the league; Not to mention Mario Manningham emerging as a solid number two wide out. Jacobs and Bradshaw are still pounding and slashing through defensive lines all over the league while the Giant defense continues to be their stingy selves, allowing only 14.2 points a game, good for 3rd in the league. I don't want to say I'm booking my flight to Miami now, but I am, in fact, booking my flight to Miami now.

And the Patriots lost in dramatic fashion, which made me happy, though I know you Patriots fans must be getting close to pressing that panic button if you haven't done so already.

Without being biased her, Tom Brady hasn't been very Tom Brady like thus far this season. Obviously, coming back from knee surgery and missing a full-season, you've got to expeet some rust. That being said, we're heading into week 6 and the Patriots are 3-2, and if not for a Leodis McKelvin fumble in the season opener and a Mark Clayton drop two weeks ago, they could very easily be sitting at 1-4.

I hate to say it (haha, no I don't) but, do you hear those foot steps? Tom Brady does...

At least the Bruins look good? (Steve whispers in my ear) Never mind. Sorry Boston.... This past weekend I got to play golf with my dad at Southampton Country Club.

Honestly, this will be one of the days I look back on when he's gone or when I'm off someplace, bored out of my mind with no one to golf with and say "damn, I wish I still had that."

Days like I was lucky enough to have on Monday are the ones I wish every ever kid could have with their father.

That being said, if there is anything I get a kick out of more than regular people who think just a little too much of themselves, I haven't found it and if there is any arena in the world where there are more of these characters than the municipal golf course, I haven't seen it and damn, I hope I never do. Not that I'm not guilty of taking myself more serious than I should from time to time; I think everybody does and if they say otherwise, they're lying; but if you could take the cloud of undeserved arrogance that looms over your local muni-course and move it somewhere, you'd probably be able to patch the hole in the ozone layer. And if you took all the money these dinks spend on high-tech equipment and clothing to make them look tbe part of a low-handicapper and used it elsewhere, you may actually be able to (correctly and permanently) fix all the potholes in Westfield., though doing that seems a more ambitious task than convincing the Sunni's that the Shiites are alright people.

Alas, I digress....

My father and I were planning on playing by ourselves. Enter Greg the Dink; the guy who epitomizes all I've described above. Cold, emotionless handshake, snarky smirk and ridiculous matching, white none-the-less, cold gear golf outfit, red skull cap and jet black sunglasses. No more than five words were exchanged on the tee between the three of us.

As we walked down the first fairway my dad walks up behind me quickly and says "The Dink is p-ing me off." I laughed and hit my second shot (a beauty, I might add; since the first was dead left into a tree line...)

As the round progressed, I grew more and more tired of his holier-than-thou attitude and his generally aggravating face (I know, it sounds terrible, but you know how some people just p-you off looking at them? That was this guy...) and so, operation "ditch the Dink" began.

Unfortunately, I can't reproduce here what was said about said Dink, but I can tell you that by the last hole, he was jumping ahead of us and walking off the course before we hit our second shots (which we debated aiming in his general direction) on eighteen.

I suppose the moral of this story is don't be a dink.

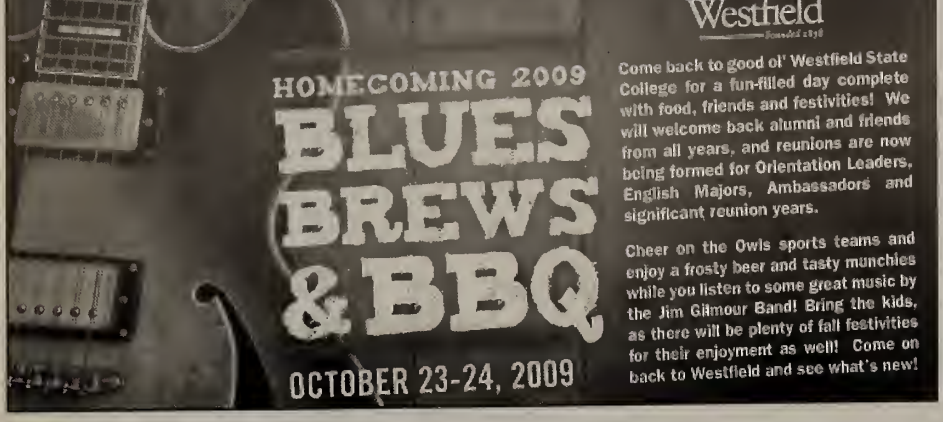
If you must, please play with other dinks or try to be less, I don't know, dinky when you get paired with average Joes (especially when they're out-driving you with persimmon 3-woods) who care less about what you look like and how you score and more about what your drink of choice is, otherwise you just look like a clown.

And if you're ever paired with a dink, just make it as uncomfortable for him as you can. You won't regret it.

Oh, and in a story related blow-hard dink golfers; Russ Devereau, if you're looking for small red golf tee, I have it.

I know it's yours because it has your name on it; pretentious dink.

I think that's it for this week. Be sure to send your Beat the Jerk picks to jerkasaurusrex27@yahoo.com if you think you can beat me. And so kiddies, from the campus where, for some reason, the good guys sleep alone, I bid you adieu.



Papelbon blows Sox lead

Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

The Red Sox came back to Fenway for Game 3 of the Division Series. With their track record of being better at home, Sox fans figured that this was their chance to catch up with the Angels.

Until the 9th inning, Red Sox fans thought that their dreams would come true. We all hoped the Red Sox would win Game 3 to force Game 4 at Fenway, and hopefully force a Game 5 out in Anaheim. Then Jonathan Papelbon came into the game.

It's the top of the 9th and we are just a few outs from winning Game 3 and forcing a Game 4. The score is 6-4, Red Sox being on top. With out closer in the game, we thought that a victory was almost expected. If only we knew how wrong we were.

Papelbon gave up three runs in the top of the 9th to give the Angels the lead 7-6. He was not the almighty closer of the past who didn't give up any postseason runs for 26 innings. Instead, he fed each batter pitches that they were hoping for.

Granted, the Red Sox had the opportunity in the bottom of the 9th to take the lead back. However, it wouldn't have come down to the bottom of the 9th if Papelbon could have been an effective closer and closed out the game at the top of the inning. If he had his stuff then Red Sox Nation could have sat through another game.

For most of the season Papelbon hadn't been himself. In fact, in some games he was downright horrible. He couldn't find the strike zone, and when he could, the pitches were hit into the field. Red Sox fans just assumed that he would be fine for the postseason, because he was the shining star in the postseason the past few years.

I know it's not right to blame Papelbon for the loss, but I do. I honestly and truly believe that if Papelbon had his stuff and was effective, we would have won that game. But he didn't have it. He blew it.

Watching the 9th inning of Game 3 reminded me of the infamous 2003 Championship Series versus the Yankees in which Grady Little kept Pedro Martinez in the game too long. Terry Francona should have removed Papelbon sooner. In fact, he could have kept Bard in longer.

I sat in my living room with my parents yelling at the screen, and crossing my fingers praying that Papelbon would get the next batter out. Then, the next thing I knew the Angels were on top 7-6, and Papelbon had blown the lead.

Even better was when I saw Okajima on the mound to replace Papelbon, knowing that Okajima hadn't always been reliable during the season.

Photo courtesy of boston.com
Papelbon in the dugout after giving up the lead to Los Angeles in game 3 of the ALDS.

However, Okajima had his stuff and managed to keep the Angels from scoring anymore runs.

Plain and simple: Papelbon lost his stuff. Chances are he'll get it back for next season because he's still young and capable of pitching well.

But whatever went wrong this season and into the postseason needs to be fixed.

Boston needs a reliable closer next year. Hopefully that closer will be the Papelbon that Red Sox Nation one knew and loved.

Patriots defense come up big in win

Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

The New England Patriots defense came up with big plays throughout Sunday's game against Baltimore, but none were bigger than their two crucial fourth down stops late in the fourth quarter to seal a 27-21 victory over the Ravens.

With five minutes left in the game, Ty Warren came up and stuffed Baltimore running back Willis McGahee short of a first down on a fourth-and-inches play.

Four minutes later, the Ravens faced another fourth down, this time a fourth-and-four with 32 second left in the game.

It was the Ravens last chance to win the game, but once again the Patriots stopped them in their tracks, as Joe Flacco's pass to Mark Clayton fell incomplete.

"That was quite a finish," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "Stop them on fourth down twice in the fourth quarter, that's when you've got to be there. Luckily, we were."

The Patriots should also thank Mr. Clayton and his slippery hands for the stop, as Flacco's pass was on target but Clayton was unable to pull it in.

The game both started and ended with a bang, as the first play was a forced fumble by Eric Alexander on the Ravens' kickoff return.

The fumble was recovered by Brandon McGowan, giving New England the ball at the Ravens 12 yard line.

But the trend from the Patriots win over Atlanta continued, as they failed to score a touchdown in the red zone and had to settle for a field goal.

The Ravens responded with a touchdown, as quarterback Joe Flacco connected with Derrick Mason to give Baltimore a 7-3 lead. New England took the lead right back though, as Tom Brady converted a red zone touchdown with a 1-yard quarterback sneak.

The Patriots went into halftime leading 17-7 after Sammy Morris rushed for a 12-yard touchdown before the break.

The Ravens almost scored right before halftime, but cornerback Leigh Bodden intercepted a Flacco pass close to the end zone to keep the 17-7 lead for New England.

The second half brought more blitzing and intense defense, but it was Baltimore that came up with a big defensive play.

Terrell Suggs sacked Brady close to his own end zone and caused a fumble that was picked up by Dwan Edwards in the end zone for a Baltimore touchdown.

"We kind of had control of the game and then Suggs turned it around," Belichick said.

Brady came back and found Randy Moss for a 14-yard touchdown, Moss' first of the season, to put the Pats up 24-14 late in the third quarter. Baltimore scored once more on a 13-yard pass from Flacco to McGahee to start the fourth quarter.

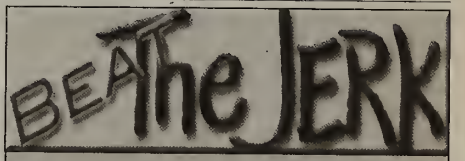
New England went up 27-21 following a field goal with seven minutes left in the game.

The game would end with that score, as the Patriots defense buckled down and stopped the Ravens on fourth-down attempts on their final two drives.

"I'm glad we got the win, but I'm sure there are plenty of things we need to improve on," Brady said after the game "We're just going to stay at it."

New England will face another undefeated team this Sunday, as they go on the road to face the Denver Broncos (4-0) and new head coach Josh McDaniel.

The game will kickoff this Sunday at 4:15 p.m.



Hey folks! I took last week off for a much needed break. I'm back though, with a vengeance! Send me your picks if you think you can beat me....

Cincinnati over Houston
Green Bay over Detroit
Minnesota over Baltimore
Giants over New Orleans
Pittsburgh over Cleveland
Carolina over Tampa Bay
Kansas City over Washington
Jacksonville over St. Louis
Seattle over Arizona
Philadelphia over Oakland
New England over Tennessee
Jets over Buffalo
Chicago over Atlanta
Denver over San Diego

Send you picks to me at jerkasaurusrex27@yahoo.com if you think you've got them right! Be sure to send them BEFORE Sunday. It's amazing how much higher the percentage of games picked correctly goes up in Monday morning emails then in Saturday night emails. In the event of the tie, the person whose picks I received first will be declared the winner.

Good Luck, Kids....

How to play? It's simple. All you have to do is pick more games correctly than the Jerk. The person with the most correct picks will win a prize. Tie-breaker will go to the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received. Good Luck!

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You definitely ought to be able to enjoy yourself and have a good time before the week is through. You could find yourself being hit with a little creative inspiration right now. So don't be afraid to make the time to do something artistic this if you can.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
Just try to focus on taking care of as many things around the house as you possibly can if you want everything to end up going smoothly this week. But don't be surprised if you don't really feel up to dealing with all your obligations right now.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You might have a tendency to be a little opinionated this week, so be careful that you don't end up saying anything that makes matters worse. Just be aware that there should be quite a few things for you to have to deal with around the house right now.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
It wouldn't be a bad idea for you to try to set a new financial course right now and try to make a few fresh starts if you can. There could be some new financial opportunities headed your way. And you might find yourself busier than you can imagine before long.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You should be feeling extremely confident and self-assured at this time. Just be careful that you don't get too carried away this week and end up going a bit overboard. Don't do more than you can handle this week.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
If you just take a little time to reflect on things this week, you could find yourself having some sudden flashes of insight right now. If you can, try to figure out some of the things you'd like to accomplish in the coming days. And try to find some time to enjoy a little relaxation before the day is through.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You might find yourself starting to feel a lot closer to someone you'd thought of as just a friend right now. Don't be surprised if you end up feeling a little exhausted by the end of the week.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
There could be some very interesting opportunities headed your way over the coming days. But for now, you can probably expect your friends and loved ones to be making plenty of demands on your time and energy before the week is through.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You might want to see if you can manage to have a few enjoyable little adventures before the week is through. Just don't forget to give a little thought to your career situation as well. You might find yourself starting to grow increasingly ambitious.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
If a few financial issues seem a bit up in the air right now, try to sort out any money matters the best you can so that you'll be able to make a fresh financial start for yourself before the week is through. And just realize that things ought to be heading in a much more positive direction for you.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You should end up having the chance to make a fresh start on the relationship front before the week is through. So be sure that you use this time to refresh your most important relationships while you can.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
Just make sure that you do whatever you have to in order to live up to all your obligations this week. If you just take the right attitude, then things really ought to end up going fairly smoothly on the relationship front for you.

courtesy of californiapsychics.com

Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Homemade Fettuccine Alfredo

1 box fettuccine
1/2 cup butter
2 cloves garlic, chopped
2 1/2 cups light cream or half and half
1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon pepper
pinch of salt

1. Boil water (with a little salt so the pasta wont stick to the pot)
2. Boil pasta uncovered for 10-12 minutes, or when the pasta is cooked the way you like it (when done drain and set aside)
3. Get a large pan and melt the butter
4. Chop the garlic and sauté it in the butter for 1 minute
5. Stir in 1 ½ cups of cream into the butter garlic mix
6. Cook over medium heat 3-4 minutes, stirring constantly (it will appear like a thin sauce, but will thicken after step 8)
7. Add this to the pasta (while still very hot)
8. Add remaining cream (1 cup), Parmesan cheese (1 ½ cups), and salt and pepper
9. Stir to mix well.
10. Optional: add broccoli or chicken, if desired.
11. ENJOY!!

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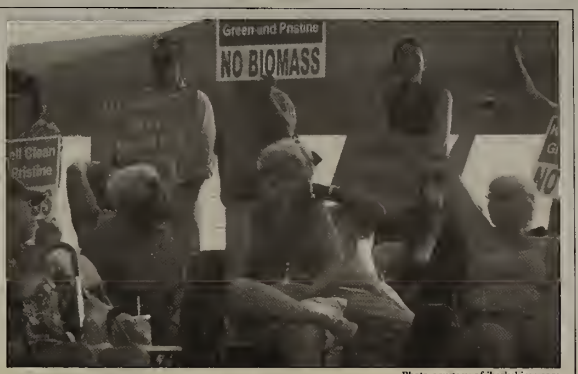
Concerned citizens protest Russell Biomass

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Sometime last year I wrote about biomass and how it can be an especially useful when it comes to turning human waste (not THAT kind of human waste, you sicko) into alternative energy. All our trash, everything that goes to our dumps and transfer stations, can be transformed into energy via biomass processes. You may have heard about the proposed Russell Biomass project and all the controversy it has caused, causing you to wonder why people are opposed to it if it's supposed to be environmentally friendly.

Well, it's a long story. It started a few years back when the biomass site was first proposed to the town of Russell, which borders Westfield to the west. Everything seemed great; the town welcomed the project with open arms after reading the Russell Biomass publications that mentioned "clean scrap lumber" and "no adverse effect on local air quality" and promised to bring jobs to the area. The citizens of Russell were also told that the biomass emissions would be cleaner than the average household chimney. No one batted an eyelash and the project was on its way to the little town.



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Citizens of Russell, Ma gather to protest the Biomass.

Then word got out that the publications sent to the locals was actually composed, published, and sanctioned by the people who were pushing for the biomass plant – so obviously they were only going to print the positive impacts. On top of that, the Toxics Action Center sent the town of Russell some disturbing information about the health impacts of biomass, which helped push its citizens toward an anti-biomass stance. About half a year and extensive research later, the Concerned Citizens of Russell group was an organized, full-on campaign against the proposal.

And they have every right to because the Russell Biomass, while a good idea, is a misplaced idea. The biomass people are convinced that the site chosen by the Westfield River is perfect – after all, the Westfield River Paper Company was located there until it closed down in 1994. But it's also on Main Street where hundreds of times a week trucks will drive through a densely populated historical village causing incessant noise pollution and detracting from the area's aesthetic value (those diesel trucks are just plain ugly). What's worse, the site is located about 1,000 feet from a day care center and 1,500 feet from an elementary school, not to mention the various homes in the immediate area.

Why is this bad? The original proposal was that 40% of the waste Russell Biomass would burn would be construction and demolition debris, which produces almost 100 types of air pollutants that can cause cancer, asthma, fetal brain damage, and death according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

This may sound somewhat dramatic, but if true it's also somewhat serious, even if such effects don't come into play until many years down the road.

Overall, with the traffic, aesthetics, and health concerns taken into account, Russell Biomass is likely to perpetrate much communal disruption.

And that is precisely why I think it is a bad idea for a biomass plant to be constructed in Russell. Yes, the guy who wrote a series of articles on alternative energy is against Russell Biomass. The bottom line is this: it's a great idea, but the location is wrong. If they want to build a biomass site on the Westfield River that's fine. Just don't do it right in the middle of a town.

The Nobel Peace Prize, its 2009 context, and President Obama

Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

President Obama's winning of the Nobel Peace Prize has been a source of controversy since it was announced on October 9th. Previous recipients and critics have argued why the president was rightly chosen and why he should not have been. In his own response, Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele wrote, "It's a stunning, if not truly surprising, indication of just how meaningless a once honorable and respected award has become." Steele credited the president's "star power" as the main reason why he was selected. Regardless of whether or not one thinks the president deserved the award, the notion that his winning of the Nobel Peace Prize has devalued it is unsound. The choosing of President Obama by the Nobel Committee may be as equally due to his own initial policy statements as it was to the past eight years under the Bush administration.

To first address why it's wrong to say that the selection of any one individual could prove that an award is "meaningless" (especially in this case), let us first take a look at several world leaders who became Nobel laureates.

One could infer that in Michael Steele's view, the Nobel Peace Prize was still "honorable and respected" when Secretary of State Henry Kissinger received it in 1973. Le Duc Tho, his North Vietnamese counterpart, refused to accept the award. That year, Kissinger served as the chief American negotiator for the final stages of the Paris Peace Accords, ending the Vietnam War. The text of the agreement was essentially the same as that which was on the table in 1968 but in the meantime, over 20,000 more Americans and hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese were killed.

When President Nixon ordered a secret and massive bombing campaign against Cambodia in 1969, Kissinger relayed the message by saying "It's an order, it's to be done. Anything that flies, on anything that moves." In tonnage, more bombs were dropped on Cambodia during the ensuing campaign than were dropped by the Allies in every theater of World War II combined. Hundreds of thousands of Cambodians were killed and from the destruction, a once small and isolated Maoist cult calling itself the Khmer Rouge rose to prominence.

A sampling of Nobel Laureate Kissinger's other policy dealings includes providing support for the overthrow of Chile's democratically elected government in 1973, along with backing Apartheid South Africa's invasion of Angola in 1975. Also, when talking to Indonesian dictator Suharto prior to his army's invasion of East Timor in 1974, Kissinger told him, "It is important that whatever you do succeeds

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Texting: Latest buzz in society

Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

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How does texting affect your relationships?

Do you ever feel a vibration and instantly assume that it's a text message? I have had this happen to me on numerous occasions and it got me to thinking, is this what our society has become?

I know in certain situations when I have been with people, they will look at their phone as if they somehow missed a text message. They proceed to check if one has come their way even though they haven't felt a buzz or noise indicating that they may have one.

I have been guilty of this feat a few times myself. I think there is a sense of importance that comes with text messaging. It makes the receiver of the message feel like they are needed or valued. That person feels involved with others in their lives through a short message here or there.

I must agree that the concept of a text message is great and it has revolutionized communication, but when is it a problem in society? I would say that it could be seen as rude when your attention is on your phone rather than on a person that you are with.

It also looks funny from an on-lookers perspective. I realize when I walk to class and look around, students look like zombies with their phone serving as the brain and using their body solely to move it around.

I got to this point a few months ago when I was fed up with text messaging and it bothered me to have to deal with it daily.

On the contrary, Bryan Stockhaus, a sophomore living in Courtney, believes that texting is much easier than calling and believes it's much easier to change plans with people as well.

Amanda Diamond agrees with both sides of the calling and texting discussion. She has her friends that she calls and she also has her friends that she texts. She really enjoys texting and does it all the time. Two individuals that aren't getting a text from Amanda however are her parents, whom she doesn't text.

There are quite a few factors that make text messaging a chore. There are certain social standards and norms that go along with text messaging. One of these social standards is in regards to response time. Once a text message is sent, it is assumed that the person you sent the text to will respond to you within a reasonable amount of time. Let's say five minutes. This puts a burden on the person that receives the text, in my opinion. That then leads the sender of the text to assume things that may or may not be true.

You may be at your job and can't use your phone until break or after work. Perhaps your cell phone is in your purse or backpack and you are unaware that such a message was sent to you in the first place. This leads to my first observation of continually checking your cell phone. It has been programmed in our heads that with text messaging becoming so popular, if you don't check your cell phone for an hour you will most likely have a text message awaiting a reply from you.

Where has texting become a problem? It has

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2009 Nobel Peace Prize context

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quickly." Between 100,000 and 200,000 East Timorese died as a result of the invasion and from living under Indonesian occupation. Perhaps Kissinger best demonstrated his concern for peace when discussing the Iran-Iraq War of the 1980s. He said of the conflict's participants, "I hope they kill each other…too bad they both can't lose."

Henry Kissinger is not alone amongst Nobel laureate world leaders with devastating records and questionable, at the least, motives for pursuing the path of diplomacy towards peace that they were in turn recognized for.

The 1994 Peace Prize went to Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Palestine Liberation Organization head Yasser Arafat.

The three men were recognized for signing the Oslo Accords, which was intended as a major step forward in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Peres and Rabin had presided over Israeli invasions of Lebanon and the illegal occupation of the Palestinian territories while Arafat had led the PLO as members carried out terrorist attacks around the Middle East. Despite the Oslo Accords, life for Palestinians under occupation did not improve and violence ensued. Previously, in 1978, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin was a controversial Nobel laureate due to his past role as leader of the Irgun terrorist group during the 1940s.

In company with the world leaders already mentioned, two other sitting U.S. presidents received the Nobel Peace Prize prior to Barack Obama (former President Jimmy Carter was recognized for his peace efforts around the world with the award in 2002).

The last was Woodrow Wilson, who was presented the award in 1919 for his peace efforts at the conclusion of WWI. Prior to his work at Versailles however, Wilson had a much less peaceful past.

During Wilson's two terms, using the U.S. military, he invaded Haiti and the Dominican Republic, continued the occupation of Nicaragua, reoccupied Cuba in order to oversee rigged elections, bombarded and occupied the Mexican port city of Veracruz, and entered the bloodbath of WWI's western front. The Wilson administration had established and operated the Committee on Public Information with the sole purpose of whipping up public support for entrance into the war against Germany.

Labor leader and anti-war activist Eugene Debs, in company with many others, was arrested and imprisoned for his opposition to the war. Lastly, at the end of WWI, Wilson sent U.S. troops to take part in the Polar Bear Expedition in Russia, where they helped occupy the ports of Archangelsk and Vladivostok.

Teddy Roosevelt was the other U.S. President who received Nobel Peace Prize. Roosevelt was awarded the prize in 1906 after negotiating an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

Hardly a pacifist, Roosevelt was too involved with a few bloody foreign policy endeavors.

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President Obama speaks at the White House's Rose Garden on October 9th after learning that he had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

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Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room 215, no later than 5:30P.M. on Tuesdays before anticipated publication date.

Dear Abby

Dear Abby,
I'm a freshman here at WSC and I love it for the most part. But, lately I've been having trouble with my roommate. She stays up real late studying and doesn't have any consideration for me. Then during the day I might snap something sarcastic at her that I don't mean but it's only because I'm so tired. So, my question is, how do I go about dealing with this? I don't want to hurt her feelings or change rooms or anything like that, but I really need sleep!
-Sleepy

Sleepy,
My advice is just to bring it up to your roommate. She may feel hurt or upset at first, but that will be nothing compared to how you'll feel if your grades start slipping. There's also a chance that you may say something far worse if you keep losing sleep.
-Abby

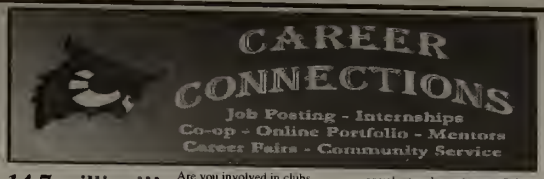
Dear Abby,
My friends are driving me crazy! They all think I'm just there to hear their problems, which I am, but it would be nice if someone listened to my problems every once in awhile! I mean, I love them to death, but it would be nice if they cared about my life too, you know?
-Agitated

Agitated,
Have you brought this up with them? The number one reason why friendships (and relationships) fail is because of a *lack of communication*. Try talking to them about the problem in a friendly, non-confrontational, way. If they apologize, great! If not, then maybe it's time to seek out some new people who know friendship is a two-way street. Don't get me wrong, I'm not advising you to dump all your friends, just try and talk it out with them.
-Abby

Dear Abby,
I live in NEW HALL and am having some issues with my roommates. We were all friends before we moved into together, but now I feel like cliques are forming. No one invites me anywhere and I'm worried they don't like me. I don't talk to them about it because I don't want to start drama. Is there anything else I can do?
-JTC

JTC,
This seems to be a reoccurring theme today. Talk to them. When you have a problem you *need* to talk. Otherwise, you risk pushing it deep down until one day all that little stuff turns into one big problem. So, talk to your roommates. Tell them how you feel trying not to use words that may offend them, so that the situation stays positive.
-Abby

Have a problem of your own? Ask Abby! Send an e-mail to askabby.wsc@gmail.com.



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No, that's not the megamillions jackpot, but the number of Americans who are currently unemployed. Now more than ever, it is important to set yourself apart from other candidates.

Securing an internship during your junior and/or senior year can be a great way to gain a competitive edge in the job market while earning academic credit.

Think about what you have done in your professional field at this point in your academic career.

What have you done to prepare yourself for life after Westfield State College? Are you involved in clubs, working in your field either through internships/cooperative education or part-time employment, demonstrating your leadership skills on campus? Graduate schools and employers will want to know what you have done to apply the skills and knowledge gained from classroom learning to practical, on-the-job experiences.

Companies use their internship programs to assess and recruit potential new hires. National research has shown that employers hire more than half of their coop students and interns after graduation. Graduate schools are much more competitive than undergraduate colleges and universities.

Many graduate programs require that you have a certain number of internship or volunteer hours in your field before you are admitted in the program.

Your resume will play a strong role in your consideration for admission.

Students in good academic standing and who meet departmental requirements can earn up to 15 academic credits combined of practicum, internship, community service or cooperative education experiences.

Career Services maintains an online job database, Career Connections, of over 650 internship and coop sites: https://www.myinterfase.com/westfield/student/home.aspx. If you think that you might be interested in doing an internship or coop, contact Career Services at 572-5206 to meet with a career counselor.

Textbooks: Are they truly beneficial?

Rachel Plumb
Voice Reporter

October 20, 2009- The first time as a child that you climbed up on to someone's lap and you were read to, do you remember your thoughts? Probably not, but neither do I. I can imagine that we were all fascinated by the pictures; by the voices made to keep our interest, by the flicker of our budding imaginations. However, I cannot imagine that anywhere within our innocent thoughts, we could have imagined how much money it would take to maintain a relationship with books.

In the early years of our education all the way through high school, we are generally given out books at the beginning of every school year. These books, unless they are new, which they practically never are, are old and falling apart. There's also the chance you may not even get a book of your very own, because in school systems with less money, providing their students with books is such a great expense. However, if you get your own book, you cover it, and keep it throughout the year and return it at the year's end. As you hand your book off to your teacher before scurrying off for summer, you cannot even fathom how your fragile relationship with books will change as you enter your collegiate years.

My first semester here at Westfield State College, I moved in all two cars worth of my belongings in to my forced triple in Lammers Hall and marched straight to the book store with my parents. I was without a care in the world, but as I'm their fourth child attending college, my parents already knew what this trip meant. I bought everything the list told me to buy; two English books, one psychology book, one music book, one biology book, and three philosophy books, which set me back somewhere in the neighborhood of $450. It has continued to be around that figure every semester since then. I am now in my first semester of my junior year. That comes out to $2,250 so far and I have three semesters left. By the end of my college career, it will be $3,600 on books alone.

Let's be honest about the books we're assigned to buy. Often times, they aren't really necessary to your development within classes. Between asking two of my roommates how often they need their textbooks, I got one "sometimes" and one "never". However, one of them spent $430 on their books and the other bought three out of five of her books for $250.

The price of textbooks is, as it stands, due to a lack of competition within the textbook market and because students do not actually make purchasing decisions. The textbook market has been reduced over the past few years from several dozen competitors to just five. Because of this, they are allowed to get away with a lot more. Also, given that the teachers rather than students are the ones who make purchasing decisions, they tend to be less sensitive about the cost.

MASSPIRG's task this year is to show teachers how their decisions effect their students. We're gathering testimonials about how much we're all spending and trying to help teachers to see that there are better, more practical, and less expensive means to educate us. We have various options available to us such as online textbooks and Plato. MASSPIRG's goal is to educate professors about textbook affordability and solutions to the problems.

On October 28th and October 29th, MASSPIRG students will meet with professors and encourage them to sign on to a letter of intent. By singing the letter, professors will make a commitment to looking into alternatives to conventional textbooks.
The books we're spending so much money on aren't even necessarily benefiting us or enriching our education. The aim and primary focus of the textbook market isn't our growth. It's profits and that's something we want to avoid enabling. Together, professors and students can work together to make textbooks work for education once more. To learn more and how you can help, come to our MASSPIRG meeting this Wednesday at 8pm in our office located beside the Third World Room.

Student of the Week

Dominic Costunzi
Senior
English & Secondary Education

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Jim Morrison because he loved what he did, he didn't conform and he died before he could sell out.

If you could listen to only three bands for the rest of your life, what would they be?
Houses of the Holy – Led Zeppelin
Abbey Road – The Beatles
Prolonging the Magic – Cake

What movie best describes your life and why?
Any of the Lord of the Rings movies; I do a lot of walking.

What do you plan to do after Westfield?
Hopefully finding a job that pays more than the one I've been working without a degree. Best case; a middle school English teacher in the area next fall. If it doesn't happen, I plan on doing teach for America and possibly going out to Colorado.

What's your favorite material possession?
My baseball glove; I love the little guy.

What would your last meal be?
Pumpkin pie, cannoli and Jack Daniels

Advertise yourself:
"I'm gonna graduate in May; give my a** a job"

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Just text message me later

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become a problem within groups of people because of the sense of "secrecy" to it.

People that are around a texter instantly by nature want to know whom they are texting as well as if that person is receiving a text. This is where a conflict in interest arises.

The person texting is entitled to their own privacy and doesn't have to inform you of their activity.

On the other hand, you raise concern within the group or person you are with because you seem to be "hiding" something from them.

One sneaky thing that I haven't done but have heard about and seen is what I call "within proximity texting."

I'm sure most of you have been exposed to this at some point in your seasoned texting lives. This is when you have Betty Sue texting Billy Bob about Bobby Jean without Bobby knowing that Betty is texting about him.

It is a sneaky way to talk about someone behind their back while they are in the same room with you.

It is hiddeo communication which I don't think is appropriate and is becoming a problem.

Another issue that has taken the texting world by storm is a term called "sexting." Sexting is a blend of sex and texting , which is usually the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos through your cell phone.

This is the new modern day form of "phone sex." It could be something as simple of saying "I love you and can't wait to see you tonight" or the other side of the spectrum would be the sending of a nude picture of yourself to someone else.

Nick Villante said, "I don't text, I just sext. I'm a real man and I prefer to communicate like our forefathers did through face-to-face conversation or telephone. I want my friends to hear my voice on a daily basis."

Freshman, Matt Sloan disagrees and thinks that sexting isn't cool, and he doesn't like one word answers on texts either.

Texting has become such an important part of our culture now that phones are evolving to meet the needs of customer friendly texting phones. This might be another reason why it seems like kids can text so much faster than they did in the past.

These phones have a qwerty keypad that is similar to a computer keyboard. Many phones were designed with texting in mind over calling.

A big factor for so much text usage is the "unlimited texting" plans that allow cell phone users to text as many people as the want monthly for one set cost. This leads consumers to feel that they can text as much as they want without the high cost associated with burning through cell phone minutes.

Many relationships now heavily rely on texting between each other. Is it normal to go a whole day communicating to your significant other only through text?

You could think of it as a new age way of sending letters to one another but at a faster rate. The fad before texting took off was instant messaging through the computer. Cell phones then started offering instant messaging through your cell phone. This was the first step to text messaging because instead of using a "screen name" users were then able to send instant messages from phone number to phone number.

Now to the issue of gender in regards to texting. After seeking opinion from both sexes, one thing that seems to be common ground is that females are primarily more involved in texting than males.

Girls rely more heavily on texting one another as a way to stay in touch as opposed to guys.

More often than not you will see a girl around campus or at a party head deep in her cell phone texting away for an inordinate amount of time.

This brings me to another issue I find myself ponder on the regular. How much text is too much?

I feel as though if you have a lot to tell someone than that should warrant a call.

I also think that a call is in order if you exchange more than 10 text messages between a particular person.

Editor's Desk

I've been increasingly stresseed out the past couple of weeks. Life just seems to be getting crazier and crazier as the days go by. Ah, I suppose it all goes along with senior year and trying to figure out what I want to do what with the rest of my life within the next eight months.
So fabulous...

On a happier note, Halloween is less than two weeks away and I couldn't be more excited! In my opinion, Halloween is the best holiday ever and everyone should dress up and carve pumpkins and decorate anything you own.

Also, don't forget to pick buy your sweatshirts from the Class of 2010!
Pre-order them now at the campus service window.
The best part? They're only $35

That covers it. Have a fabulous homecoming weekend kids!

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More on the way: US Army soldiers in Afghanistan.

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

The White House situation room sounds pretty daunting. This is not due to the fact that it is located in the basement of the West Wing, is complete with five secure video rooms with a direct feed to the Air Force, or that is secured from bugging by sensors placed in the ceilings. No, this room is daunting because of the decisions that could come out of it.

President Obama's war council will meet in this room sometime this week to discuss the problem of Afghanistan. The outcome of this meeting could be detrimental to the cause of the war and to the lives of many Americans.

General McChrystal requested that 40,000 more troops be deployed to Afghanistan in order to secure the country. Is this really the solution? Is risking 40,000 more lives worth it? Of course, the United States has been involved in that country since 2001 and feels the need to keep fighting terrorist organizations there. I don't think anyone is arguing with that.

However, some senior administration officials say that even if the 40,000 troops could secure Afghanistan for a while, it does not have a government that will be stable after the U.S. troops leave. Unlike Iraq, it cannot easily be secured long term.

The American government needs to listen to these officials. If the body count of both American soldiers and Afghan civilians keeps rising over the next few years, then in my mind the U.S. is losing the war.

Obama is not wrong in focusing on Afghanistan (Iraq was just a bit of a distraction). However, risking the lives of that many troops is not wise, especially if the mission objective fails. This conflict is just another reminder of the failures of the previous administration, as if Americans need to be reminded of George Bush's mistake of invading Iraq.

Taking the focus off of Afghanistan has cost the United States and Afghanistan the lives of many of their people. There is nothing the U.S. can do about it now except to work towards the best solution that will bring all of the troops home as soon as possible.

That objective does not include deploying 40,000 more American soldiers to this conflict in Afghanistan.

Editor's Desk

Hey everyone!

So, yesterday, while I was taking my own person mental health day from school (everyone needs one sometimes!) I encountered a small problem in my room. It was filled with LADY BUGS! Cait Penndorf can vouche for this - she saw them attacking my window! Somehow, the lady bugs got in. Guess i've got a lucky room!

Anyways, I had to have a friend from down the hall come with a plastic cup and scoop up all the lady bugs, and then deposit them elsewhere for me. It was NUTS. Then, on the news, I saw that if you kill a lady bug, it exudes a gross smell, so your supposed to suck them up with the vacuum cleaner! Seems to me that sucking all the ladies up isn't a good idea either - can't kill them! They are lucky! I'd appreciate it they stayed out of my room though!

So! Have a good weekend everyone! Get hyped for Halloween!

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REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

ELLIOTT SMITH

On October 21st, 2003 the music industry lost one of its underground icons when Steven Paul "Elliott" Smith passed away. Smith, a graduate of Hampshire College in Amherst spent most of his music career shying away from the spotlight.

From 1994 to 2004, Smith released six albums, the most commercially successful being his final one, "From a Basement on a Hill," released posthumously in 2004.

Smith is perhaps best known for his song "Miss Misery" which was nominated for an Academy Award in 1998. True to his indie-roots, Smith said of the Oscar experience, "I woul-dn't want to live in that world, but it was fun to walk around on the moon for a day."

Elliot Smith

Since his passing, dozens of artists have paid tribute him and his work in many way including covers and songs written in his honor.

CUBAN MISSLE CRISIS

In 1962, the world's two super powers were holding each other hostage in a potentially deadly game of chicken. The Cuban Missile Crisis pitted the United States against the Soviet Union in a nuclear stand off at the height of the Cold War. Early in October of 62, American reconnaissance teams spotted what they believed to be Soviet missile silos being built in Cuba.

Most experts believe this is the closest the two countries came to all-out nuclear war.

On October 28th President John F. Kennedy reached an agreement with United Nations Secretary-General U Thant that the Soviets would dismantle their missiles and the United States would not invade the Soviet Union.

John F. Kennedy Jr.

This agreement is ultimately credited for putting an end to the Cold War and adverting what would have been arguably the single most costly and destructive war in history.

PAYNE STEWART

Ten years ago on October 25th, the sports world not only lost one of its great competitors and great characters, but one of its best people. Payne Stewart, known best for his knickers and his victory celebrations, toasting the cup on 18 by filling it with champagne and sharing a drink, passed away in an aviation accident.

Stewart, known in life as a golfer is best remembered in death as a charitable, respectful human being who went above and beyond in sport and in life. He is immortalized by the PGA tour's Payne Stewart award, given annually to the player who demonstrates respect and excellence in charitable endeavors of the course and grace and respect on it.

Payne Stewart

It is safe to say golf will see players better than Payne Stewart, however; whether or not the game ever finds a better person, is debatable.

his home in Texas in 2003, due to complications after

Remembering Sarah Marshall

Sarah Scherer
Voice Reporter

This weekend, I had the pleasure of watching "Forgetting Sarah Marsball." I actually watched it twice, and by the end of the second time I fully appreciated it the movie.

The movie is about a man named Peter Bretter (Jason Segel) who gets dumped by his girlfriend, Sarah Marshall, (Kristen Bell). He flies to Hawaii for a vacation, only to realize she is staying at the same place with her new boyfriend, Aldous Snow, (British comedian Rusell Brand). Mila Kunis of "That 70's Show" fame is also in the movie as Peter's new love interest.

The first thing I liked about this movie (and I mean the first, as it happened within the first five minutes of the movie) was the full frontal male nudity. I was happy to see it just for the reason that male nudity is so rare in movies, yet it is extremely common to see women naked. Jason Segel wrote the entire movie himself, so I am unsure as to why he would choose to show himself naked if not a necessity, but according to an interview he had with the New York Times, Segel said the naked break-up scenes were based on a real-life experience he'd had.

The movie had hilarious original music intergrated into the storyline. Russell Brand's character sings "Inside of You," a song that deserves its own Wikipedia entry. Once I watched the movie a second time, I was able to recognize and appreciate more the characters' quirks and individual humor. Segel's character writes a Dracula puppet musical, and for me, a person who is endlessly delighted with cheesy musicals, this was amazing to see. Apparently Disney agrees with me because they have enlisted Segel to write the next Muppets movie. As a Segel fan, I am very eager to see this when it comes out.

Jason Segel in Forgetting Sarah Marshall

The movie was a romantic-comedy masterpiece that appeals to both men and women. Although it has very graphic sex scenes, it is definitely not one of those movies that includes them because it has nothing else going for it. There were flashbacks that were painfully relatable, and it was exciting to see Kristen Bell again after dealing with the cancellation of Veronica Mars.

By the end of the movie you can sympathize with each character in some way, except for maybe Paul Rudd's hilarious portrayal of a stoned surfer. Jonah Hill (Superbad) does a great job as a starstruck waiter, and Mila Kunis as a damaged hotel employee.

The hilarity was scripted down to the very last detail, for instance having a Baldwin brother as Sarah's co-star in her crime fighting drama show, It is the kind of movie that you will be quoting endlessly after you watch it. Do yourself a favor and watch it; its the perfect break up movie to watch, and remains a romantic comedy without the cheesy dialogue and unrealistic behavior.

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This week in Music History

by Franny Zupancic
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AC/DC
Highway to Hell
July 1979

Approximately twenty-nine years ago, one of the most successful albums of all-time was released. This album achieved 22x multi-platinum status in the United States alone, and in terms of worldwide sales, AC/DC's "Back in Black" is the best-selling album of all-time by a band, and the second best-selling album of all-time by anyone, under the late great Michael Jackson's "Thriller." Featuring the debut of lead singer Brian Johnson, "Back in Black" is likely to be in nearly everyone's music library, but as great as it was, it's important to realize that AC/DC's "Highway to Hell" was a record that was just as solid from beginning to end.

The Australian rockers released "Highway to Hell" in July of 1979 and unfortunately it was lead singer Bon Scott's farewell to not only the music industry but from to the world as well. He was found dead about seven months later in his car outside a London club after a night of partying. Five months after his death, "Back in Black" was released as a tribute to Scott.

It's somewhat ironic and bittersweet that the "Highway to Hell" and "Back in Black" served as bookends for Bon Scott's death and are at the same time the band's two best album. "Highway" marked the beginning of short-but-successful tenure with Robert "Mutt" Lange as the band's producer and this winning combination resulted in three hugely successful albums and a catapult to legend-status.

"Highway to Hell" was driven by a lead single of the same name, written about the grueling touring schedule the band endured to support their numerous albums. "Girls Got Rhythm" and "Touch Too Much" followed as singles and the success of the three drove "Highway to Hell" to be the band's first album to sell one million copies.

Despite the then newfound success of the album and the massive success that would soon follow with "Back in Black," the band's first number-one-charting album would not arrive until 1981 with the third and final Lange-produced release, "For Those About to Rock." Despite selling 49 million copies worldwide, "Back in Black" never reached number one; it peaked at number four.

Where are they now?

AC/DC released their most recent album, "Black Ice," and while it was very successful (7.2 million copies worldwide as of May 2009) I thought it was a disappointing release and not as good as 2000's "Stiff Upper Lip."

The band is still touring and I had the pleasure of seeing them at Gillette Stadium this summer and their performance removed all doubt from my mind. Despite my thoughts on "Black Ice," AC/DC has STILL "got it." Guitarist Angus Young is just as much a madman at age 54 as he was at age 27, and Brian Johnson's vocals were spot-on. Any fan of good rock and roll music and classic heavy metal has not truly lived until they have heard "Shoot to Thrill," "For those About to Rock," "The Jack," and other classics live. Being surrounded by 45,000+ people spanning multiple generations and all being moved by the same music is a pretty powerful thing. Even if you didn't get to see AC/DC this summer you can enjoy attempting to recreate one of their live setlists in the comfort of your own living room thanks to Harmonix's "AC/DC Live Rock Band Track Pack" expansion for the Rock Band video game.

Released about a year ago, "AC/DC Live" was the first band-specific standalone release for Rock Band and was the answer to rival company Neversoft's "Guitar Hero Aerosmith." "AC/DC Live" blew away the competition by offering full-band support and exportability for use in the main Rock Band game.

AC/DC is planning to release a hefty boxed set, "Backtracks," on November 10. The set includes three compact discs, two DVDs, and one LP. The CDs include a disc of studio rarities and two discs of live rarities, while the DVDs consist of a continuation of 2005's "Family Jewels" two-DVD set (one disc is labeled Family Jewels Disc 3) and a 2003 live concert. The LP consists of unique rarities from the studio. As if this collection wouldn't be enough, the set also includes a 164-page booklet and a assortment of memorabilia. This set is an essential for the hardcore fans out there.

Check out my review of "Black Ice" on my blog: http://blog.contrabandwrestling.com/?p=9

AC/DC - Highway to Hell
1979 - 30th Anniversary

The Australian cover featured a more elaborate design than the International version, with flames and a fretboard serving as the "highway to hell."

Top 10 Albums
1. Michael Buble - Crazy Love
2. Kiss - Sonic Boom
3. Toby Keith - American Ride
4. Barbra Streisand - Love is the Answer
5. Jay-Z - The Blueprint 3
6. Luke Bryan - Doin' My Thing
7. Mariah Carey - Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel
8. Miley Cyrus - The Time of Our Lives (EP)
9. Backstreet Boys - This is Us
10. Breaking Benjamin - Dear Agony

Top Movies
1. Where the Wild Things Are
2. Law Abiding Citizen
3. Paranormal Activity
4. Couples Retreat
5. The Stepfather

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
2. Rocky: The Undisputed Collection (Blu-Ray)
3. Up
4. Star Trek
5. Bruno

Beatles Rock Band content
1. Maxwell's Silver Hammer
2. Oh! Darling
3. Beacause
4. You Never Give Me Your Money*
5. Sun King / Mean Mr. Mustard*
6. Polythene Pam / She Came in Through the Bathroom Window*
7. Golden Slumbers / Carry That Weight / The End*
8. Her Majesty

**Full album costs $16.98 and includes tracks 4 through 7 playable separately or as a full medley.*

Top 10 Singles
1. Britney Spears - 3
2. Jay Sean - Down
3. Miley Cyrus - Party in the USA
4. Jason DeRulo - Watcha Say
5. Jay-Z. Rihanna, & Kanye West - Run This Town
6. Black Eyed Peas - I Gotta Feeling
7. Lady Gaga - Paparazzi
8. Taylor Swift - You Belong With Me
9. Owl City - Fireflies
10. Kings of Leon - Use Somebody

Upcoming Album Releases
1. R.E.M. - Live at the Olympia
2. Wolfmother - Cosmic Egg
3. Carrie Underwood - Play On
4. Bon Jovi - The Circle
5. John Mayer - Battle Studies

Upcoming Video Games
1. Band Hero
2. DJ Hero
3. Lego Rock Band
4. Forza Motorsport 3
5. COD: Modern Warfare 2

Rock Band content
Queen ten-pack:
1. Another One Bites the Dust
2. Crazy Little Thign Called Love
3. One Vision
4. Fat Bottomed Girls
5. I Want it All
6. I Want to Break Free
7. Killer Queen
8. Somebody to Love
9. Tie Your Mother Down
10. Under Pressure

Guitar Hero 5 content
Classic Rock Track Pack 2:
1. J Geils Band - Freeze Frame
2. Peter Frampton - Show Me the Way (live)
3. Triumph - Lay it on the Line

Looking for a good time? "Chicago" is where it's at.

Cait Penndorf
Co-Editor-in-Chief

"Murder, sex, scandal and half naked girls on stage." This is how Molly Coyle describes the Musical Theatre Guild's fall 2009 production of "Chicago." Senior Coyle, along with senior Teresa Dollfuss, is the director of this year's perfomance.

For those unfamiliar, Chicago is set in the 1920's and focuses on two women's desire for fame, even if it involves murder.

Turmoil and scandal follow Velma Kelly, played by senior Rachel Baril, and Roxie Hart, played by junior Bryanna Alger.

The two women commit murder and find themselves in need of some help, which comes in the form of Billy Flynn, played by senior Greg Schoorens.

Flynn is a greasy, big time lawyer who has never let a female client down, in the courtroom, that is. Kelly and Hart will rely on this sly lawyer to help them get the fame they feel that they deserve. In a two-month period, Coyle and Dollfuss have managed to put together a show, complete with dancing, singing and all that jazz.

"It's the epitome of the 20's," said Dollfuss. Coyle adds, "it's not your typical musical, the fourth wall is completely broken all the time."

For those of you who haven't been bitten by the theatre bug (myself included), the fourth wall is the imaginary wall that separates the actors and the audience. "Chicago" will encourage audience participation and interaction.

According to the directors, the Musical Theater Guild (MTG) wanted to do a big show like Chicago to draw in more freshmen, as they have 15 seniors graduating from the club.

"I like the fact that we've gotten a lot of enthusiasm," said Coyle. "New people that love the show in-turn love the club."

While the musical is coming along well now, the directors explain that it's not always easy to put a group of people together and keep them focused on one goal.

"Putting it all together for the first few times is always rough, but it's expected," said Dollfuss. Both directors also agree that there is always a "crunch" felt toward the end, however they both come from unique theatre backgrounds that compliment each other.

Coyle, who has been involved with musicals since 8th grade, has an acting background while Dollfuss, who has been involved with the theatre since her junior year in high school, has a technical background. This helps them to see things for a different perspective and helps to always make sure that all bases are covered.

Coyle and Dollfuss have a goal to sell out at least one of the nights and it looks like this could be a possibility. According to the Facebook event, there are already 278 confirmed guests for the show, with 257 still awaiting reply. The directors use the event to gauge possibly audience outcomes.

"Chicago" runs from Thursday, October 29 to Sunday, November 1. There will be showings on the 29 to the 31 at 7:30 p.m. and also on the 31 and November 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are $6 for adults, $4 for senior citizens and faculty of the college, and $2 for students.

Not convinced that "Chicago" is for you? According to Coyle, "it's a sexy, glittery, showy good time." And honestly, who doesn't love that?

Seniors Molly Coyle & Teresa Dollfuss

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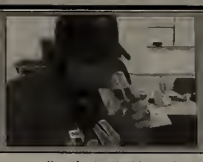
By: Matt Castonguay



Finally, my wait is over.

Honestly, you guys have no idea how long I have been waiting for ESPN Films to do something big again. Personally, I have been waiting (in vain, I must say) until now for this. If you're a fan of sports and television, you were probably a fan of the series that started my love for and abounding confidence in ESPN Films to produce high-quality sports television outside of standard news, live coverage or shows like "Outside the Lines," "Pardon the Interruption" and "Around the Horn."

The series that started this was "Playmakers," which was a short-lived sitcom/ football based soap opera, which any fan of football and TV either loved or would've loved.

I remember going to math class first period and discussing the previous nights episode for the fifteen minutes before class the way every girl between the ages of 15-28 seems to with "The Hills" now days.

Sadly, the series was cancelled in 2004 and was never picked up again anywhere else and for 5 or 6 years, ESPN left us (or me, at least) wanting more. This year, they've done it. Their new series "ESPN Presents 30 for 30," a documentary series showcasing 30 sports stories from the past 30 years, is the most promising sports television event in years. The documentaries all feature stories, which gripped the sporting world in their time but have since slipped into the recesses of our unconscious.

The series, conceived by the Sports Guy, Bill Simmons, takes an in-depth look at some of sports most compelling stories and figures in hour-long documentaries directed by some of the film industries most popular and talented film makers including Mike Tollin, Barry Levinson, Ron Shelton and Peter Berg, as well as docs directed by athletes and other celebrities like Johnny Knoxville, Ice Cube, Steve Nash and Morgan Freeman.

The series debuted three weeks ago and has had three installments so far. The first documentary, directed by Peter Berg titled "Kings Ransom" examined the August 9th, 1988 trade which sent "the Great One" Wayne Gretzky from his home town Edmonton Oilers to the Los Angeles Kings and the fallout from it.

The second documentary in the series, titled "The Band that Wouldn't Die," directed by Baltimore native Barry Levinson, is about the stealth move of the Baltimore Colts to Indianapolis and the team band that refused to leave the team that left them behind.

The third and most recent in the series is directed by Mike Tollin and is titled "Small Potatoes: Who Killed the USFL" about how Donald Trump and others contributed to the demise of the United States Football League.

There are still 27 more installments remaining, featuring stories about Michael Jordan, Tim Richmond, Allen Iverson, Ali, OJ Simpson, Len Bias and many many others.

Personally, I'm dying for the docs on Len Bias, Tim Richmond, Steve Bartman and fantasy sports. These all call to me for different reasons.

"Silly Little Game" by Adam Kurland and Lucas Jansen explores the $4 million industry of fantasy sports and the culture that surrounds it. Since I myself am involved in football and baseball leagues, this intrigues me very much, as I'm sure it does you too because chances are, you're among the 30 million people who participate annually.

"Steve Bartman: Catching Hell," directed by Alex Gibney is about the fire storm which rained down on Cubs fan Steve Bartman after he interfered with a playable foul ball during the 2003 NLCS. The Cubs, 5 outs away from their first World Series since 1908, ended up losing the game and the series to the Marlins. The memorable backlash against Bartman created a new scape goat in the long and often disappointing history of the Chicago Cubs. One reason why I find this compelling is because I, like all of you, lived through it and remember it as one of the most memorable moments in our sport-viewing lifetime.

"Without Bias" by Kirk Fraser explores the tragic 1986 death of Len Bias. Bias, the highly-touted prospect was taken by the Boston Celtics in the NBA draft just two days before his untimely death. Personally, I find this compelling because it came at a time when casual drug use was rampant in professional sports. Bias' passing came as a warning to all professional athletes who thought they were invincible. Not to mention, how it affected the Boston Celtics. Any story which still has more questions than answers more than two decades after it occurred is, to me, one of the most interesting stories you can tell.

"Tim Richmond: Race With the Devil" is the one I'm most looking forward to though, since I am an avid NASCAR junkie. Tim Richmond was a rich, brash, open wheel racer from Ohio who earned the nickname "Hollywood" from his peers for his fast driving and even faster life style. In the late-80's, NASCAR was hitting its stride and gaining popularity and Richmond was one of the faces of the sport.

And then, as quickly as he rose to stardom, he fell from grace. Richmond, who had been the life of the party for nearly a decade, died alone in a Florida hospital due to complications from AIDS at a time in our country when the misconceptions about the virus and those who had it were rampant. While Richmond's story is tragic, it is compelling and makes for very unique documentary subject.

In my personal opinion, the series is excellent. Having followed the series from its debut three weeks ago, having read up on all the topics and most of the directors, I'm really excited for the rest of this series.

I know now, that for the first time since 2003, I have plans every Tuesday night and that is a wonderful thing.

Pats reach perfection in 59-0 blowout

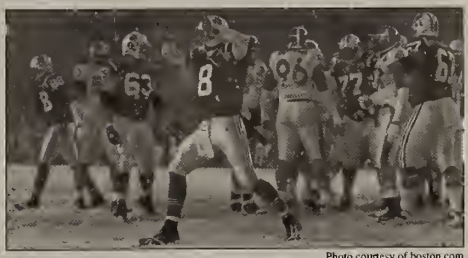
Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Perfection. It is strived for every time, but few teams are ever able to attain it in a particular game. But in the Patriots' 59-0 mauling of the Tennessee Titans last Sunday afternoon, it's plausible to say that perfection was achieved.

Tom Brady looked like the history making quarterback of 2007, finishing the snowy game with a near perfect passer rating by going 29 of 34 for 380 yards and six touchdowns. He tied NFL records not only for the six touchdowns, but for throwing five of them in a single quarter.

All this was done before his exit from the game early in the third quarter due to the lopsided score.

Pats running back Laurence Maroney showed signs of life that haven't been seen since the '07 season, rushing for 123 yards and one touchdown on 16 carries. New England's defense completed the perfect afternoon by pitching a shutout, finishing with five turnovers in the process.



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Ryan Hoyer celebrates after a one yard touchdown run.

"We've played well on offense for a long time, and I don't think it really shakes anybody up when you go out there and do that," Brady said after the game. "I think we were just excited that we finally played well and put together 60 minutes of football."

The Pats entered the second quarter with a 10-0 lead after a 45-yard TD scamper by Maroney, and a field goal from Stephen Gostkowski. But the lead more than quadrupled in the history making second quarter. Brady started the quarter with back to back touchdowns to Randy Moss before hooking up with Kevin Faulk and then Wes Welker twice. The Titans defense looked like a JV team against the Patriots' varsity offense, and Brady picked them apart with ease.

"I think it was good for all of us, I really do," stated Brady. "It was a great week of practice for us. I think every week we're learning something more about ourselves and what we need to do. There's no doubt a game like this can really give you a lot of confidence and we're a confident team"

The Pats defense helped to make the history making quarter possible, and at one point forced three turnovers within a five play stretch. "The defense getting turnovers and good field position and [the offense] being able to run the ball and really execute our plays and everybody doing their assignments, it just makes a world of difference," Welker said after the game.

Brady completed his sixth touchdown pass on the first drive of the third quarter to Moss before rookie Brian Hoyer took over as quarterback.

New England will hit the road this Sunday to face the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but the game won't be taking place anywhere near the state of Florida. The Pats will be heading across the pond to London, England to play in a historic game.

"It should be a great experience for all of us," Brady said. "It's probably the only time in all of our careers that we'll do it. It's going to be a short week for us and we've got to go over there and play well and hopefully take some of the confidence that we gained from today and go over there and try to play in a different country and try to play well."

Kickoff for the London game will be this Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

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A must have for Boston fans.

Pats to London and Soccer at Fenway Park?

Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

It was good to be a Boston sports fan this past Sunday.

Too bad this Boston sports fan only saw half of the Patriots crushing win over the Tennessee Titans.

From what I did see, Tom Brady was back in full fashion.

Now, the Patriots head to London to play this Sunday's game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

My question is, why London?

We saw with the Red Sox that playing a game over seas can mess up playing after returning to the United States, especially with jet lag.

So, after Brady has one of his best games since 2007, he gets to go to London and deal with the jet lag when he returns.

Hopefully he'll adjust better than the Red Sox did when they spent time in Japan.

But seriously, what is the benefit of the New England Patriots going to London?

I could almost understand the Red Sox going to Japan, seeing as how Major League Baseball has a lot of Japanese players.

I don't think the NFL has an extraordinary amount of players from London, though.

Yes, it would be cool to visit London and the Pats are probably excited for that. It's just something that doesn't make sense to me.

Something else that doesn't make sense to me is the rumor of soccer being held at Fenway Park.

Really?

The English Premier League has been in talks with the Fenway Sports Group about the possibility of a regular season soccer game being held at Fenway Park.

This could possibly happen in 2012, the 100-year anniversary of the ballpark.

First the Bruins are playing hockey at Fenway this January, now the English Premier League wants to play soccer at Fenway.

What's next, a football game at Fenway? Weird things are happening in the wonderful world of sports.

I guess that's why fans stick around; to see what crazy thing happens next.

Celtics make Raptors Extinct in Win

Robert McGinnity
Voice Reporter

The championship Celtics seemed to flash back into the minds of viewers Wednesday night against the Toronto Raptors.

The boys we've grown used to were in full swing as the Celtics showed their superiority winning 106-90.

All the starters played over twenty minutes en route to their victory. Garnett shot over fifty percent, scoring sixteen points while grabbing six rebounds.

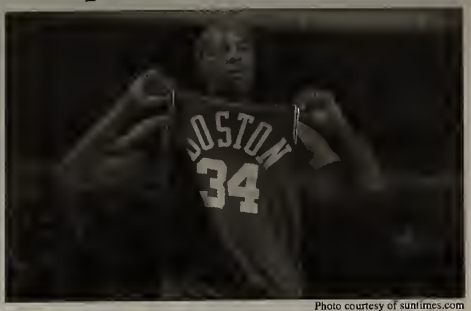
Paul Pierce led all players in green with seventeen points and with an impressive shooting display including a couple of threes.

The other third of the big three did not have a great shooting night, however.

The game was played in Hartford, Connecticut where Ray "Jesus Shuttlesworth" Allen played during his college career at the University of Connecticut.

While playing for the Huskies, Allen went 26-0 in Hartford.

Allen contributed in other ways, however, by setting up other players on the floor. Perkins showed signs of strong play for the future, with solid play inside while getting double digit rebounds.



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Paul Piece, forward for the Boston Celtics

Rondo was up to his usual antics, consisting of steals, assists, and every statistic in between.

Mr. Intangible looks to be in good form, and is sure to be fun to watch this upcoming season.

Boston's new acquisition, Rasheed Wallace aka "Sheed", did not play, but played well in the game the night before scoring twenty points.

Celtics role players also showed promise with unknown Lester Hudson shooting 5-7 with twelve points. Glen "Big Baby" Davis and Eddie "E Money" House also had great games off the bench, each scoring in double digits.

If this game is initiative of how the Celtics will perform this season, then we are all in for a treat.

BEAT the JERK

How else could I describe last week but disappointing? An 8-6 record does not a happy Jerk make. That being said, it was a pretty good week for Dan Swartz, who went 11-3 and did what the rest of you couldn't; Beat the Jerk. Dan will receive for his efforts a $25 gift certificate to the Shaker Farms Country Club Grille.

Here are this weeks picks:

Indianapolis over St. Louis
San Francisco over Houston
San Diego over Kansas City
Green Bay over Cleveland
Minnesota over Pittsburgh
New England over Tampa Bay
Carolina over Buffalo
Jets over Oakland
Falcons over Cowboys
Bears over Cincinnati
Saints over Miami
Giants over Cardinals
Eagles over Redskins

There you have it! Lets see if you guys can do this week what Dan did last week. This week's prize: A free foursome of golf at Shaker Farms CC. Those of you golfer/football fans, get on this! Send your picks to jerkasaurausrex27@yahoo.com.

Good Luck!

If you think you have what it takes to beat my picks, send yours to jerkasaurausrex27@yahoo.com and who ever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice. Good Luck!

How to play? It's simple. All you have to do is pick more games correctly than the Jerk. The person with the most correct picks will win a prize. Tie-breaker will go to the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received. Good Luck!

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Some money issues could be popping up at this time, and there could be a few financial disputes for you to have to deal with before the week is through. Just see if you can manage to keep any conflicts with others from getting too out of hand right now.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
A lot might be expected of you right now. But if you're reluctant to live up to any of your obligations this, then you can probably expect to be hearing about it. Some relationship issues might be getting a little tricky as well.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You could be eager to get out and have a little fun this week. And some romantic opportunities could end up providing a pleasant escape for you before the end of the day. Just realize that money could be getting a little hard to come by lately.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You should just make sure that you take advantage of any positive new job opportunities that could be available to you right now. Your creative energies could really be peaking today too, so try to do something artistic if you can before the week is through.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Communication could be key for you at this time. So just realize that taking the time to talk things through with someone could really help to resolve a few things this week And if you play your cards right, some romantic opportunities could start heating up for you before the week is through.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You should find that you'll be able to do quite a bit of creative thinking this week. Just try to keep an eye on your spending if you can and don't let yourself get too carried away right now.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You might be feeling a little confused about a few things this week, and you may be a bit uncertain about the direction you'd really like to be headed in at the moment. Just be aware that some unexpected romantic opportunities could be coming your way at this time.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Things might not always end up coming out quite the way you intend this week. So just do your best to avoid upsetting any important people who could make your life difficult. And take the opportunity to let someone you trust show you how you can make a fresh financial start right now.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
Your energies might not be all that sharp this week, and you're bound to end up being misunderstood by others right now. But you'll probably be feeling like yourself again before long.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
There could be a lot for you to take care of at the moment, and you might find yourself having to deal with some messy situations every time you turn around this week.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You might be hit with some type of creative inspiration on the career front this week. And you really ought to be able to accomplish quite a bit right now. st realize that it wouldn't be a bad idea to try to make a few helpful new friends before the week is through.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
Things should be starting to look up for you on the financial front right now. So don't be surprised if the chance to start earning a little more money ends up becoming available to you at this time.

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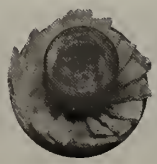
Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Hummus is Yummus

1 12-oz can garbanzo beans
1 clove garlic
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 tbsp of lemon juice
½ tsp salt

Steps:

1. Drain the water from the can of garbanzo beans
2. In a blender, mix together the garbanzo beans and the rest of the ingredients.
3. Blend for 1-2 minutes or until a smooth consistent paste is formed
4. Enjoy with pita or bagel chips ☺



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Things that go bump in the night

Explore the haunted legends and spooky places in Westfield

By Daniel Drexler
Voice Reporter

It's the season when the leaves are changing color, the air is getting colder, and things tend to feel creepier on a cold, dark night. So it seems like the perfect time to begin our journey!

Our first stop is right down the street from WSC, and that is Pine Hill Cemetery, on West Silver Street. At first look, it seems like your typical 19th to 20th century graveyard, with the typical hand carved marble and granite headstones and overgrown trees and hedges, but many local residents claim there is a little more there than meets the eye! It has been said if you have the nerve to visit the graveyard at dusk or later, you might hear the quiet moan of a man's voice, asking for help, sometimes you may hear him sobbing, but no one apparently had the pleasure of meeting the man himself, as his voice fades away as you approach the vicinity of the sound! Others have reported a feeling of being watched, and experiencing an extremely uneasy feeling as if they are not welcome and are somehow being forced to leave. There have also been accounts of mysterious dogs growling as you approach the back hill of the graveyard. If it were me I'd say, "See ya later!" and move on down the road!

Head to the downtown area, and there you'll find the Mechanic Street Cemetery, even older than the Pine Hill Cemetery, with some of the oldest stones dating from 1640. Here you will come across 100 plus graves of Revolutionary War soldiers, fascinating gothic styled headstones, and of course, the possible encounter with several disembodied voices and ghostly sightings of "current residents!" You may even be lucky enough to meet "Miss Tessie", as she has come to be known to the locals. She is often seen tending the flower garden, which is adorning the grave of her daughter Ada, who passed away at a young age.

Photo courtesy of Daniel Drexler

Hoosac tunnel

However, don't be surprised if she seems to "disappear" when you approach her! If you were 260 years old, you would probably be somewhat reclusive, too! Many residents over the years have reported seeing orbs, or "ghost lights" floating around the cemetery. These ghost lights are said to be the manifestation of spirits energy. Seems like a nice place to visit, but...

Our next stop brings us to West Springfield. More specifically The Piccadilly Pub, on Riverdale St. Up until about 20 years ago, this popular restaurant was known as Vincent's Steak House, established in 1951 by Vincent Lanzarotto, who operated the business until his death in 1978. He was a colorful entrepreneur who ran a tight ship and was strict with his employees. There are many first hand accounts of his apparition appearing, especially in the dining room and the attic area, which serves as the present day business office. Often, it has been said, you can hear the sounds of a non-existent dinner party in the basement (at mid-night!). In one case, after closing, a security guard witnessed the hot and cold faucets of the kitchen sink turn themselves on and off at a time when there was no one else in the building! Frequently, one may experience a strange, flowery scent, which appears as quickly as it goes away. The source of the smell has been compared to the same cologne that Vincent always wore. The strange part is that it always manifests itself

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It's almost that time again: Registration

By Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

It's that time of the semester. Where copies of the College Bulletin can be found lying around campus and the line outside Peer Advising takes up much of the hallway in Parenzo. That's right, registration for spring semester is just around the corner and for most students, especially freshman, it can be very stressful.

The Advising period for Spring Registration goes from October 19th to November 6th. For most first year students, Peer Advising is required before you can see your Academic Advisor. Peer Advising is in Parenzo 108. The office is open for undeclared students, transfers, or anyone who wants a second opinion. The peer advisors help you make a schedule that's the right fit for you. Here is a hint though, even if you feel as though you created the perfect schedule always have backups because there is a chance you might not get into a class.

After your Registration and Advising Form is stamped with the red "Peer Advising" stamp, the next step is going to your Academic Advisor. Your Academic Advisor is usually a professor in your major's department. You need to make an appointment with your advisor between October 19th and November 6th. Once there, you will go over your core and major requirements and go over your Spring 2010 schedule. Your advisor will then sign off your sheet and give you your "alternate registration pin." This is the only way you can register for classes.

The next step is getting yourself out of bed to register for classes. The good news is that you don't have to go very far to register. Jump out of bed, log onto myWestfield and register for classes. The bad news? Registration is at the peak hour of 7 AM.

Every grade level has a specific date of when you can register for classes. For seniors it is November 13th, juniors: November 17th, sophomores: November 19th, and lastly freshman on November 23rd. But freshman don't be discouraged. Many classes are required to save seats for freshman. It is known that sophomores are the ones with the worst luck of the draw because, many seats are either filled or blocked off.

So even if you have done this seven times already or if this is a new experience for you, registration is a stressful time for everyone. Make sure you really research what classes to take so you are able to graduate with all 121 credits!

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Quick Hits

Thursday, October 29

4:00p.m. - Commuter Council Dinner and Movie Nights
"The Perfect Getaway" with free taco bar!
For Commuters Only
Ely Main Lounge

7:30p.m. - MTG presents "Chicago" $2/Students, $4/Staff/Senior Citizens $6/Adults
Dever Auditorium

Friday, October 30

3:30p.m. - Yoga to relax and replenish with Aaron Vega. Yoga mats available First come, first served All levels welcome!
Davis Commons

7:00p.m. - Field Hockey vs. WConn

7:30p.m. - "Chicago" Encore
Dever Auditorium

9:00p.m.-12:00a.m. - Halloween Dance
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, October 31
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

12:00p.m. - Football vs. Fitchburg

2:00p.m. & 7:30p.m. "Chicago" Encore
Dever Auditorium

8:30 p.m. - Movie: A Perfect Getaway - Free food!
Ely Main Lounge

The Nobel Peace Prize and President Obama

By Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

The following is the remainder of my article from last week's newspaper. To recapitulate, I started with a quote by Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele on President Obama being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Steele wrote, "It's a stunning, if not truly surprising, indication of just how meaningless a once honorable and respected award has become" and credited Obama's "star power" as the main reason why he received it. From there I discussed several world leaders whose previous records of military intervention and support for violence made them controversial Nobel laureates. The article focused in on the two other U.S. presidents to receive the award while in office, Woodrow Wilson and Teddy Roosevelt. Lastly, I listed the long record of military actions that tends to be glossed over today by the accompanying notions of "Wilsonian idealism." Picking up where we left off, let us take a quick look at Teddy Roosevelt before concluding with President Obama.

Teddy Roosevelt was the other U.S. President who received Nobel Peace Prize. Roosevelt was awarded the prize in 1906 after negotiating an end to the Russo-Japanese War. Hardly a pacifist, Roosevelt was too involved with a few bloody foreign policy endeavors. He had resigned as Secretary of the Navy in order to participate in the conquest of Cuba during the Spanish-American War and as President, oversaw the latter phase of the brutal counterinsurgency campaign in the Philippines inherited from William McKinley. Roosevelt also effectively broke Panama off of Colombia in 1903 when the Colombian government would not consent to American terms for the construction of a canal there.

Returning to the present and President Obama, America's 44th president cannot yet shake a stick at the records of violence held by presidents Woodrow Wilson and Teddy Roosevelt, or Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. That said, since taking office, Obama has escalated the war in Afghanistan and expanded the drone-strike campaign in Pakistan. The Obama administration also pressured the Pakistani army to launch a campaign in the Swat Valley region and just did the same with the militant stronghold of South Waziristan. Though it dislodged the Taliban, the campaign in and around Swat also displaced some 2 million people. Back in Afghanistan, American and coalition soldiers, along with Afghan civilians, are still dying in the war against the Taliban and other insurgent groups. Additionally, the Obama administration has continued to threaten Iran and appears to be re-militarizing U.S. Latin American policy through a recently signed agreement for bases in Colombia.

In its official statement accompanying the announcement of President Obama's selection, the Norwegian Nobel Committee recognized his "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples" while attaching "special importance to Obama's vision of and work for a world without nuclear weapons." Possibly offering the most insight into the Nobel Committee's decision is the following, "Obama has as president created a new climate in international politics. Multilateral diplomacy has regained a central position, with emphasis on the role that the United Nations and other international institutions can play."

All of this was still said considering that the peace prize's nomination deadline was two weeks after President Obama's inauguration.

President Obama's selection could have as much to do with his own words, intentions, and initial actions towards multilateralism as it did with the Bush administration's unilateralism and disdain towards the United Nations and other international institutions. To quote former administration officials John Bolton (who just advocated an Israeli nuclear attack on Iran) and Paul Wolfowitz respectively, "there's no such thing as the United Nations" and in explaining the rejection of NATO offers of support in Afghanistan, "allies, coalitions and diplomacy were of little immediate concern." In company with much of the American public and world population, the Nobel Committee's decision could also reflect a certain sense of gratitude and appreciation that none of President Obama's officials have given any foreboding interviews like the one given to journalist Ron Suskind in 2002.

To conclude by recalling Suskind's article about that interview, as the unnamed Bush administration official told him then, "We're an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you're studying that reality – judiciously, as you will – we'll act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that's how things will sort out. We're history's actors… and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do."

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Taking the Graduate Record Examination

By Caitlin Handcock
Voice Reporter

So you just found out you have to take the GRE's. The Graduate Record Examinations, better known as GRE's, have been staring you in the face and you've done everything you can to ignore it. DON'T!

Seniors, juniors and even under classmen, if graduate school is in your future do not put off the GRE's! The test is haunting and challenging, but let's face it, it has to be done. So here are some frequently asked questions about this most talked about test.

Does every college ask for the GRE results? No. There are some schools that don't require the GRE's.

Is there just one type of test that everyone takes? No. This is why you should have a general idea of where you'd like to apply to. There are two types of tests, the general test and the subject test. The schools will tell you which test they are looking for.

What does the General GRE test consist of? The test is much like the SAT's you took prior to college. There is a Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and an Analytical Writing.

There is a section in which they are testing out questions for future tests. This section is not counted in the overall scoring but you will not know which section it is.

How much does the test cost? The test is a 150 dollars in the United States.

How do I Register? Call 1-800-GRE-CALL (1-800-473-2255) the confirmation number, test center address and reporting time will be given to you.

What do I bring to the Test? For computer based test you must bring up to date photo identification cards. All documents must be original! Photocopies are not allowed. You must also bring the names of the schools to which you would like your scores sent to. For the paper based test you will need your ID, your confirmation ticket and sharpened number two pencils. If you do not have acceptable ID you will not take the test and will not be reimbursed the test fee.

When will I get my scores? If you take the computer based test, as opposed to the written test, you will see the scores almost upon immediate completion of the test. These are unofficial scores but are generally in the correct ballpark. If you take the paper based test you will have to send a request for your scores and they will be sent to you by mail.

I have a learning disability are there services that would help me? Yes. Both the computer and written based tests have special services. They include extended testing time, additional rest breaks, a reader or a writer, sign language interpreter for spoken directions, large print, and alternate test formats.

If you would like to know where to get more information go to www.cis.org. Click on the GRE link. This web-site will also connect you to practice questions, more detailed information and the nearest testing site.

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The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room 215, no later than 5:30P.M. on Tuesdays before anticipated publication date.

World rally for climate change action

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

I received an e-mail last week about the International Day of Climate Change Action which was held last Saturday, October 24th. The day was expected to garner over 3,000 events, rallies, and protests across the globe and spanning 158 countries, collecting to form a worldwide assembly that supports the fight against climate change.

It's an effort to put pressure on political leaders to install a new climate change treaty to replace the Kyoto Protocol when they meet this December in Copenhagen.

They want the new treaty to include special emphasis on a goal of 350 parts per million of CO2 as a human emissions output by 2030

And while nations everywhere prepared for the events that will display their passion for climate change action, the state of Massachusetts has its own demonstration planned out.

Massachusetts Powershift is inviting people to join a statewide Sleep Out in which individuals will reject any homes powered with "dirty" electricity as a place of shelter until Senator John Kerry leaves for the Copenhagen meeting on December 15th.

The goal is to get people to join the Sleep Out for all 51 days. Their tagline: "Will You join us?" The answer for me will be, uh, no I will not be joining you guys. One week is ambitious for a sleep out this time of year, never mind seven weeks. I'll be nice and warm in my gas/wood powered home for those two months. Maybe they'll all horde into an electric powered warehouse, but either way, kudos to them for trying to get people involved. I hope people participate.

Photo courtesy of yourgreenfriend.com

You control your climate change. Everyone can make an effort.

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Hauntings in the greater Westfield area

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when there are problems with the staff or running of the restaurant. It seems he still wants to be in control! Many current employees see an elderly couple in the lounge, located in the basement (formerly a dining room). Many have identified the couple through portraits as the original owners of the property in 1825, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashley. The building was originally a farmhouse built by local farmer Charles Ashley, in 1829. From the 1920's through 1951 the building was used as a tavern and an inn. It is a fascinating place to come enjoy a good meal and to try and meet your "Ghost Host", Vincent!

Our itinerary brings us to Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley. If you think your roommate is a nightmare to live with, you'll feel better after reading this because here you will find a campus dormitory that is so creepy, it has been featured on The Travel Channel's "Haunted Campuses". Legend tells us that in the 60's; a student hung herself on the top floor of Wilder Hall. The next resident of the room was reportedly driven insane by noises and voices that were said to inhabit the room. Another student who resided in the same room fled the school and later committed suicide. Psychics have attempted to hold séances in the hallway, outside the room, and inadvertently have run away scared out of their minds! Current students residing on the floors beneath the spook room have told tales of thumping noises, screaming, and other unexplainable noises. The room had developed such a bad reputation, that school officials completely boarded up the room, leaving it totally inaccessible, as it remains to this day. So remember, dorm life CAN definitely be worse!

We have saved the best for last on our "Haunt Jaunt!" If you head to the Northwest corner of the state, you will come across what is widely considered to be one of the most haunted locations in the Northeastern United States. The Hoosac Tunnel, near North Adams in the Deerfield Valley, is a railroad tunnel, which passes under a mountain for a distance of 4.82 miles.

At its inception in 1851, it was the second longest tunnel in the world. It is still the longest transportation tunnel east of the Rocky Mountains. The project was a treacherous and dangerous undertaking from the start, as over 200 men lost their lives in the process. There were several explosions, cave-ins and fires and on one occasion, a possible murder! This was at a time when nitro-glycerin was first developed for use in blasting.

In March of 1865, during their first attempt at using the nitro, three explosive experts entered the beginning of the tunnel; they proceeded to place a charge, and then ran to find shelter behind a safety bunker. Two of the men never made it to the bunker, as the first worker set the charge to go off much too early. Two of the men were buried alive under the rock that the blast displaced. The third man was so stricken with grief and guilt, he was never the same again. He never reported for work again, and eventually disappeared without a trace! It wasn't until a year later that his body was found almost a mile inside the tunnel. There are several maintenance rooms along the tunnel, which are carved into the rock, and it is believed the man was living in one of these rooms until his eventual death from unknown reasons.

Within the same year, 1866, workers and passersby's had reported hearing a man's voice, crying out in anguish and pain. Despite several searches, no one was ever found, although the voices are heard to this day.

Photo courtesy of Daniel Drexler

Pinehill Cemetery

To make matters worse, in 1887, a gas explosion blew up a water pumping station outside a vertical maintenance shaft at the top of the mountain. Thirteen miners were killed when a section of the tunnel was buried under falling debris. Without the water pump, water runoff began to fill up the remaining section of tunnel that thirty-three additional workers were in. All of the men drowned, as their bodies floated up to the top of the shaft with the rising water.

The Hoosac Tunnel was then forever referred to as, "The Bloody Pit" by the remaining workers, due to the death and horror the tunnel's construction had caused, so far. It is interesting to note, that the local Mohawk Indian Tribe had over 100 years earlier named the area "Hoosac Mountain" which means "rocky forbidden place". Maybe they knew something the miners didn't!

In the 140 years since the tunnel's construction was begun, there are continuous reports of strange noises, voices and sightings of ghostly mine workers walking in and out of the tunnel. For some strange reason, they always manage to disappear as anyone approaches them, or tries to speak with them! There are also a few witnesses who report seeing a steam locomotive enter the tunnel, and never come out!

Think what you will, but it seems there is definitely something going on at Hoosac Mountain, which defies logical explanation! A word to the wise, however: The Boston and Maine Railroad still operate a dozen or so trains through the tunnel daily, and the area remains extremely dangerous to adventure seekers! Anyone who wishes to find out more about the legend of the Hoosac tunnel can visit a museum located in the Western Gateway Heritage State Park, which is located nearby.

So this brings us to the end of our haunted journey…I hope you all discovered something fascinating, or learned something new.

At the very least I hope you all had fun!
Happy Hauntings!

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Student of the Week

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Junior

If you could live on celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Reese Witherspoon.

If you could listen to only three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
Rascal flats
Kenny Chesney
Christina Aguilera

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Facebook continues to tweak

By Mayra Quinones
Voice Reporter

It has been three days since Facebook Inc. has once again modified the dynamics of its social networking site. This new improvement makes personal information even more accessible to be viewed by "friends" and seems to be making users quite annoyed.

"You will be able to catch up on what you may have missed while you were away from Facebook, and then easily switch to the real-time stream when you want to see posts as soon as they're shared," said Raylene Yung, a Facebook engineer, in a blog post regarding the latest changes made to Facebook's site. "We also added information back to News Feed that many of you have asked for, including when your friends have been tagged in photos or have become fans of Pages, in addition to when they RSVP for events or join groups and make new friends. We also made birthdays and events more visible in the right column of the home page."

Yung points out that the Highlights section that used to appear on the right-hand side of the page has been taken out and that its information is has been placed among the other notifications in the News Feed portion of the page.

"Like you, we know it can be disruptive when things are moved around, but we hope that these changes make Facebook a more valuable experience for you," she added. "We put a lot of thought into all the changes we make to the site and do a lot of testing before releasing anything."

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Facebook has once again updated it's format.

This does not change the fact that many Facebook users are not impressed.

Over 500,000 members have joined the group known as GIVE US OUR OLD NEWS FEED BACK! In complaints to the new changes one status updates reads: "Didn't need the news feed getting a creep upgrade." Another user response to the change was a call to action with a status that read: "Can everyone do me a favor and go to: Settings --> Click manage next to Privacy --> Newsfeed and Wall. *Uncheck* add friend. This is the only way to stop the live feed from showing this nonsense every time someone gets a new friend. I like you…all but I really don't give a flying bag of snot every time you get a new friend. It's obnoxious. Thanks."

Facebook has not stopped.tweaking with its site since its launch last March of the newly improved site. It will have to be seen if the company responds to the public's discontent.

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Editor's Desk

"It's the most wonderful time of the year." That's right, it's Halloween again. Even though I've had a pretty crazy week, nothing can bum me out because my favorite holiday is here! I hope everyone has a fabulous Halloween weekend ☺

Also, remember to swing by the Class of 2010's Make-A-Wish Date Auction on November 2nd. Bid on dates with some of Westfield's finest! ($10 minimum bid)

If you're interested in writing or editing for *The Westfield Voice*, please e-mail us at thevoice@wsc.ma.edu. We're always looking for more writers and submissions. We also have opportunities for columnists and free lance pieces.

That about covers it. Have a wonderful Halloween weekend kids.

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Amidst the struggle of health care reform and the important decision about sending more troops into Afghanistan, there is an issue that has slipped onto the back burner of politics. For now, that is.

That issue is the abortion question. Americans will always argue about whether or not abortion should be legal or is "right" or "wrong." Dr. LeRoy Carhart is a doctor who performs abortions and who knew George Tiller, another doctor like him who performed abortions.

Carhart is hoping to set up a clinic in Wichita, Kansas, the place where Tiller had an abortion clinic. In May of this year, Tiller was shot in the head and killed in a church. The reason was because of the fact that he helped women end their unwanted pregnancies. Carhart does the same kind of work and he knows that this kind of work puts his life in danger but he says that he is "willing to put [his] life on the line."

Carhart explains that he doesn't want his friend to have died in vain but putting up another clinic in Wichita will not be an easy task. Troy Newman, a pro-life supporter, is a part of Operation Rescue, an organization that aims to end abortions. Newman is trying to make sure that the new clinic doesn't open up, claiming that abortion is immoral and is the "inhumanity of mankind."

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Dr. Leroy Carhart

I doubt Troy Newman has ever been an unwed, pregnant fifteen or twenty or twenty-five year old woman. Neither has Carhart. But he sympathizes with these women and will not refuse to help them out.

He even said that abortion is not the only answer to un-wanted pregnancies and that he's not "pro-abortion," but he will continue to perform the abortions despite the risk. Carhart is not only helping these women from hardship, and preventing children from being born into difficult lives, but he is also helping the global problem of overpopulation. The projected figure for the world population in 2050 is over 9 billion people.

If Carhart has performed 60,000 abortions in his lifetime and has prevented that many more people from entering the world, then he is deserves at least some support.

He is not only helping young women and preventing unwanted children from difficult lives, but he is helping the world. For that reason he should be allowed to open the clinic in Wichita and Troy Newman should stop such strong opposition.

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Editor's Desk

Well. At least it wasn't snow. This constant rain needs to end, or I'm moving to Bora Bora.

I feel like we haven't had a fall. Sure, the leaves fell down (which by the way, is a huge pet peeve of mine), but it is so cold out, it's like it's winter already.

I did however, do some great fall things this past week/weekend! I carved pumpkins with my boyfriend (if you are planning on getting a pumpkin head up route 10/202 and visit the small farm on your left!) and I went to my first ever corn maze (also on route 10/202). Not as cool as I thought it would be, but still a great chance to get outside! Unfortunately, I don't think I'm going to make it to Frightfest this year, which stinks.

Anyways, have a great Halloween everyone!

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Harry Potter comes to the Museum of Science

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

This past weekend was the premiere of the Harry Potter Exhibit at the Museum of Science in Boston. Saturday was restricted to "members only" but on Sunday anyone could go and enjoy the marvelous treasures of Harry Potter.

Fans begin the exhibit with a walk into a room and are met by workers who introduce the exhibit with authentic British accents.

They took a couple of volunteers to get sorted with the 'sorting hat' from the movie. Next, a door opens to a room with a wall filled with movie posters from each film.

They then turn into movie clips of Harry Potter throughout the years.

Continuing on, there was a room with the train that takes the characters to Hogwarts, moving pictures, costumes, and props such as the wands, robes, books, and even the beds of Harry and Ron.

The jack-in-the-box from Professor Lupin's lesson on Boggarts from Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban was also there.

Professor Umbridge, from Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, and her pink-filled, cat-dished wall was also featured in this exhibit.

Throughout the exhibit there were videos playing corresponding to what was being seen.

For example, the next room was devoted to quidditch, the popular wizard sport from the series, complete with video clips to explain each item.

Also in the quidditch room there were the uniforms worn by Harry, Ron, Draco, and other notable characters.

Harry and Draco's Nimbus 2000s, the best brooms ever made, according to the movies, were on display as well.

Finally, an interactive game was there, too.

The players, or anyone going to see the exhibit, had to try and get the quaffle (ball) into the goal.

Next, in that same room was house captain plaques for Slytherin and Gryffindor. On it were names of the House Captains.

A Harry Potter fan and blogger said, "Harry Potter makes people feel things like love, joy, fear, happiness, all different kinds of emotions and that's why people love it."

In the next room there was Buckbeak the Hippogriff in which viewers see Harry, Ron, and Hermione in their casual clothes.

Those clothes were also displayed, some even with dirt stains on them.

Hagrid's Hut came next, complete with his huge clothing, a chair, a table, and many other items from his house in the movie.

There was also the dragon egg seen in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.

Then came a walk through the Forbidden Forest, just like the one in the movie.

There were creepy centaurs and the giant spiders that Harry and Ron came across in the forest.

Continuing on there were a giant pawn and rook from the giant wizard chess game played by Harry, Ron, and Hermoine.

They even had newspaper clippings from the newspapers that were being read in the movies.

The next room featured the Angel of Death statue that Wormtail used to restrain Harry as he was going for the trophy in Goblet of Fire.

Everyone knows Tom Riddle and his infamous journal from Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets; even that was there with the basilisk fang that Harry sticks in it.

They also had Riddle's school uniform and a petrified Colin Creevey, the young boy with the camera.

Voldemort, or "He Who Should Not Be Named," made his appearance at the exhibit with his wand and robes.

There were death eaters' robes and masks there next to Voldemort's.

In Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, there was a Great Hall in which Professor Umbridge posted all of her new rules for Hogwarts.

The exhibit featured that as well.

The last room was mostly a feature of the fourth movie Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.

There was the tri-wizard cup and the entry slips for the competition that had Harry Potter, Cedrick Diggory, Viktor Krum, and Fleur written on them.

There were the beautiful ball gowns and garments that were worn by Krum, Granger, Potter, Weasley, Cho Chang, and Diggory.

Next to those were the robes of headmasters Dumbledore, McGonagall, and Snape.

Along with the triwizard cup and next to the ball gowns was the Goblet of Fire casket in which the names were put into and came out of during the selection process.

There were even little creatures such as Dobby, the servant to Lucious Malfoy who Harry sets free, and Dumbledore's bird Fawkes.

Finally, to set the mood, there were floating candles and music from the movie.

The day in the life of Harry Potter ended with a trip to the gift shop with lots of Harry Potter-themed attire and artifacts such as wands, a quill, a map, etc.

This exhibit will be open to the public until February 21, 2010.

It will truly be a magical experience and everyone is encouraged to check it out!

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Robes on display at the Harry Potter exhibit in Boston.

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This week in Music History

by Franny Zupancic

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Thin Lizzy
Black Rose: A Rock Legend
July 1979

Thin Lizzy is one of those often overlooked bands whose lack of a presence would leave a gaping hole in the historical landscape of rock and roll. "Black Rose: A Rock Legend" was released in April of 1979, and like most prior Thin Lizzy albums, included individual instrumental supremacy that would go on to influence so many bands.

Thin Lizzy was known for popularizing double-lead guitar harmony in hard rock music, a style that heavily influenced future heavy metal juggernauts Metallica, Iron Maiden, and Def Leppard. Black Rose included these techniques, whether on the heavier, grittier tracks like "S&M" or "Toughest Street in Town," the beautiful ballad "Sarah" or the epic Guitar Hero-worthy title track, "Róisín Dubh (Black Rose): A Rock Legend." Black Rose is a blues-metal medley of traditional Irish songs including "Shenandoah" and "Danny Boy," in the same veins as their 1973 rendition of "Whiskey in the Jar."

Possibly my favorite song on the album is the ballad "Sarah," a song lead singer Phil Lynott wrote about his newborn daughter. The song's lyrics are a touching example of the contrast of styles of Thin Lizzy songs; after being thoroughly shocked and confused by the strange violent lyrics of "S&M," listeners are treated to this beautiful song about a father's appreciation for his daughter's existence. "Sarah" features harmonica work by Huey Lewis.

Thin Lizzy - Black Rose: A Rock Legend
1979 - 30th Anniversary

It's sort of ironic that Thin Lizzy never had a platinum album and "Black Rose" was their most successful album, despite only being certified with gold status. The right people bought this album, however. Without Phil Lynott writing these should-be-classics, Guns N' Roses may have never achieved the distinction of having released the fastest-selling debut album in history. GnR lead singer Axl Rose has the "Black Rose" album cover tattooed on his arm in tribute to the band.

Without the blistering dual guitar work of Gary Moore / Scott Gorham or Brian Robertson / Scott Gorham, Iron Maiden may have never gone on to sell over one hundred million albums world-wide. These ideas of course can not be proven, but it's important for fans of these bands to recognize the role that Thin Lizzy played in rock history. Hopefully the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame will recognize their importance.

Where are they now?

Unfortunately, Lynott passed away in January of 1986 at the young age of 36 after multiple illnesses connected to drug dependencies, and multiple organ failure. Thin Lizzy had broken up three years prior, and Lynott was working on a third solo album. The band reunited for "Self Aid," a benefit concert in Ireland featuring Elvis Costello, U2, and more. Gary Moore and Bob Geldof handled vocal duties for the tribute to Lynott, a mere four months after his death, and were joined by various singers for the finale, "Whiskey in the Jar."

Thin Lizzy is still touring and their lead singer from 1996 to June of 2009 was John Sykes of Whitesnake fame. According to Sykes, the current incarnation of Thin Lizzy is a tribute to Lynott and any new material will probably not be released under the Thin Lizzy name out of respect. A life-size bronze statue of Lynott and his bass guitar resides on Harry Street in Dublin.

Thin Lizzy is slowly being introduced to newer generations, with "Bad Reputation" appearing in Guitar Hero II, "Jailbreak" in Guitar Hero 5, and a three-song live pack is available for purchase for Rock Band. Any aspiring guitarist--plastic guitar or real guitar--should give a close listen to "Cowboy Song."

Top 10 Albums
1. Michael Buble - Crazy Love
2. Twilight - New Moon (OST)
3. Jay-Z - The Blueprint 3
4. Barbra Streisand - Love is the Answer
5. Miley Cyrus - The Time of Our Lives (EP)
6. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.
7. Taylor Swift - Fearless
8. The Flaming Lips - Embryonic
9. Mario - D.N.A.
10. Mariah Carey - Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel

Top Movies
1. Paranormal Activity
2. Saw VI
3. Where the Wild Things Are
4. Law Abiding Citizen
5. Couples Retreat

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
2. Rocky: The Undisputed Collection (Blu-Ray)
3. Up
4. Star Trek
5. Bruno

Beatles Rock Band content
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
Date not yet announced.

Guitar Hero 5 content
All Hallows' Eve Track Pack:
1. Gwar - Gor-Gor
2. Marilyn Manson - The Beautiful People
3. The Misfits - Astro Zombies

Top 10 Singles
1. Jay Sean ft. Lil Wayne - Down
2. Jason DeRulo - Watcha Say
3. Miley Cyrus - Party in the USA
4. Jay-Z, Rihanna, & Kanye West - Run This Town
5. Britney Spears - 3
6. Lady Gaga - Paparazzi
7. Owl City - Fireflies
8. The Black Eyed Peas - I Gotta Feeling
9. The Black Eyed Peas - Meet Me Halfway
10. Taylor Swift - You Belong With Me

Upcoming Album Releases
1. R.E.M. - Live at the Olympia
2. Wolfmother - Cosmic Egg
3. Carrie Underwood - Play'On
4. Shwayze - Let it Beat
5. John Mayer - Battle Studies

Upcoming Video Games
1. Band Hero
2. DJ Hero
3. Lego Rock Band
4. COD: Modern Warfare 2
5. New Super Mario Bros. Wii

Rock Band content
1. Rob Zombie 3-pack: Dragula, Burn, & Superbeast
2. Wolfmother 5-pack: White Unicorn, New Moon Rising, Pilgrim, Sundial, Woman
3. Liz Phair - Rock Me
4. Morningwood - Best of Me ($.99 track)
5. Morningwood - Sugarbaby ($.99 track)

Jay-Z and RocNation rock Mullins Center at UMass

By Franny Zupancic
A&E Editor

Never in a million years did I think I would ever be seeing Jay-Z live, let alone go to ANY rap or hip-hop, if I had been asked for my thoughts on the genre in high school. After breaking free from strict opinionated viewpoints and being exposed to DJ Danger Mouse's "The Grey Album" and Cheap Cologne's "The Double Black Album," I became firmly hooked as a fan of Shawn Carter--the one and only Jay-Z. For those unfamiliar with the aforementioned albums, they were mash-up projects that merged Jay-Z's "The Black Album" with The Beatles' and Metallica's self-titled albums, respectively referred to as the "White Album" and the "Black Album."

Sunday night I had the pleasure of seeing the rapper live at the Mullins Center at UMass Amherst. I have been to many great concerts, including The Who, AC/DC, and Guns N' Roses, and I never thought they could be topped--until I saw Jay-Z live.

With about a dozen musicians in-tow and three fantastic opening acts, the 'Jigga Man' rocked the Mullins Center with a set-list spanning his entire career. Carter hyped the crowd for his set by displaying a ten-minute countdown on the video screens. The Paul McCartney & Wings classic "Live and Let Die" blasted through the P.A. system and the rabid campus counted down from the ten second mark in unison. When the clock reached zero, the arena went dark, playing the intro to "Run this Town," one of Jay-Z's hits off his most recent album, "The Blueprint 3." In a very simple, classy entrance, Jay-Z then rose from a platform under the stage into the center of a spotlight and the set was underway.

From 1998's "Hard Knock Life" to 2009's "Empire State of Mind," Jay-Z covered all bases in his performance against a three-dimensional video-screen tower shaped like the Manhattan skyline. During "Empire State of Mind," the buildings lit up to truly bring the song to life and help build up one of the most memorable moments of the night. His band included a horn section and two drummers, and it helped make the show feel as live as possible. Of course not all of the guests featured on Jay-Z's hits could be present, so samples were played or re-sung by vocalist Bridget Kelly or rapped by Memphis Bleek, who joined the stage after about three or four songs. The vocal performances by Jay-Z, Bleek, and Kelly were near-perfect, which is really impressive. It's one thing to sing a dozen songs in a row as the front-man of a rock band, but high-intensity rapping for nearly two hours is an impressive feat.

Aside from a short break before the encore, Carter performed non-stop. The encore consisted of seven songs, including "Encore," which was stretched out into an impressive instrumental jam with drum and guitar solos. Jay-Z thanked his band and took about ten minutes or so to thank the fans, pointing out individual members of the audience. This was a classy gesture and showed his appreciation for every fan in attendance. He could have just as easily performed his final song, "Forever Young," and left.

There were a few other touching moments as well. Carter motivated the college crowd by telling them to never let anyone keep them from doing what they want to do, reminding him that he was turned away by labels with his first album. He then thanked the fans for helping him surpass Elvis Presley to hold the record of most number-one albums by a solo artist (eleven). "With all due respect to Elvis, the King has officially left the building." The crowd erupted.

Jay-Z's set mimicked the Manhattan skyline during "Empire State of Mind."

Two other highlights of the night were openers Wale and N.E.R.D.. Each act had its own band in-tow and were instrumentally superb.

Wale set the tone for the night with off-the-chart energy levels, including a surprising cover of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," and ending his set by rapping in the crowd while his band jammed with jaw-dropping guitar solos that ironically would make any metal fan proud.

N.E.R.D.'s performance was surprisingly 'heavy' compared to their studio album. The band, including three keyboardists and two drummers, performed an equally intense set-list that is impossible to apply a genre label to. N.E.R.D. is the Steely Dan of the rap and hip-hop world; impossible to categorize and confine to any one genre. If I had to pick, I would say that the funk-rock/hip-hop band's performance was influenced by industrial rock, and I would even go as far as saying there were hints of punk rock and metal influence. The band covered their hits and even threw in a cover of the Neptunes-produced Snoop Dogg hit, "Drop it Like It's Hot." Pharell would later join Jay-Z on stage for "So Ambitious."

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From the cheap seats

By: Matt Castonguay

This past weekend I watched *High Fidelity* with John Cusack and as a result of that, coupled with my passion for putting off my homework, I've been enveloped in youtube links and making top 5 lists for just about everything my bored brain has been able to conceive for the past couple hours.

Now, I entertained the idea of just printing all of said lists in this space and letting you kiddos debate them, but then one of those lists jumped out at me; top 5 TV commercial series of all-time.

If you're like me, you probably watch TV; too much if I had to venture a guess. And I'm sure you've all sat and laughed louder at a commercial than they show you were actually watching from time to time.

Before I get to the list, I have to throw out a couple honorable mentions for the list. The first is one, I think very possibly could have made this list had it not had the crap marketed out of it. The Geico Caveman commercials, the originals, not the most recent, ridiculous ones with Billy Jean King etc, those commercials could have made this list easy (i.e. the airport one and the original with the caveman holding the boom shooting the commercial.). Those were classic.

The other two aren't really series of commercials. I admit, after seeing the Citizen Echo Drive watch commercials featuring two of my favorite people, Eli Manning and the sultry Paula Creamer, I promptly went out and bought a watch. If they added Kyle Busch to the rotation of pitchmen, I'd have bought stock in the company. They're not great commercials and they air quite infrequently, but that doesn't stop me from watching on youtube.

The third honorable mention, I laughed at for a bit, simply because its something you would *never* see in today's world. In fact, if some one had told me about it before I saw it, I wouldn't have believed it. It's an old Winston cigarette ad featuring the Flinstones. Barney and Fred sitting behind a rock smoking Winston cigarettes while Betty and Wilma do yard work. Seriously, this seems like something straight out of "Mad Men." Perhaps that's why I loved it so much.

And now, for your reading enjoyment, I present to you the Top 5 TV commercial series of all-time, counted down from 5 to 1, as chosen by Matthew Castonguay.

5. Miller High Life – "Ostrich? That's not a burger, that's a bird"

If you haven't seen all of these commercials, you ought to take the time to do so. As enjoyable as they are when they come on air, watching them consecutively on youtube is time well spent. Arguably the best in the series is the tailgating one where Wendell Middlebrooks takes back some High Life from two hoity-toytie bro's making ostrich burgers. The marketing campaign is pure genius. During the Super Bowl, Miller brewing company purchased a 30 second spot, and broke it down into 30 one-second spots. Genius.

4. Snickers – "Get dunked on by Patrick Chewing"

The first time I ever saw the "Patrick Chewing" commercial I laughed for a good five minutes. I'm not sure if the name was that funny or if it was seeing that Patrick Ewing had fallen so far he's now doing Snickers commercials or what, but this was and continues to be funny. I've always loved pun names and plays on words. I mean, my fantasy baseball team has been named "All Along the WatchMAUER" and "Braun with the Wind," obviously I'm a sucker for amusing, if not lame, puns. The second celebrity installment, "Split the uprights with Adam Nougaitari" is also priceless. I'm anxiously awaiting the next commercial in the series.

3. Stop Smoking commercials – "if you can re-learn how to drive without smoking, you can do anything"

I think the first time I ever saw one of these stop-smoking commercials I had no idea what was going on. Some guy was pouring coffee all over himself and crumbling his breakfast in his hands and tearing sugar packets open and dumping them in his mouth, just struck me as wildly hilarious. These commercials are amusing but also get across a point. At the bottom of it, people want to be entertained. We remember funny things more easily than anything and if you can associate your product or message with something hilarious, you're all set. In a related story, look for the foster home ads which feature the phrase "there's a child out there who would love to put up with you." It is another fine example of an amusing commercial with a poignant message.

2. DirecTV – "Fat guy in a little coat."

Alright, recently, this set of commercials has come under fire. Some folks (idiots) think that these ads, in particular the most recent one with David Spade and the late Chris Farley from the 1995 movie *Tommy Boy*. Its been said that it's a tragic case of Spade making money off his old friend. If anything, it's a tribute. Its still funny and something we'll always remember Farley for. And besides that, the creativity that goes into these ads is excellent and makes you ask "how'd they do that?" much the way we did when Forrest Gump met JFK. In my opinion, these are the most clever, well put together and entertaining commercials on-air today.

1. Sportscenter commercials – "Never heard of him"

My God, what is there to say about Sportscenter commercials? I honestly don't think I've ever seen a bad or unfunny sportscenter commercial. From old timers day to fantasy camp to Jimmy Johnson chopping up a speed bump or the classic Y2K bug episode. They bring in big athletes and get them to do and say numerous things you wouldn't expect them to say or do. They're all hilarious. If I had to pick, the old timers day spot and the Steve Irwin spot are my two favorites. I don't think I'm alone nor am I ashamed to admit I've spent countless hours watching old Sportscenter commercials on youtube, not out of boredom, but because I planned to do it.

Well, I think that'll do it for this week kids. On Friday, I'll be shipping up to Boston to meet Bill Simmons. Hopefully next week I'll have some sick story about meeting my hero, but I have this sinking feeling he's just going to be some angry curmudgeon like me.

Be sure to Beat the Jerk this week and as always, from the campus where for some reason the good guys sleep alone, I bid you adieu.

Patriots take winning ways across the pond to London

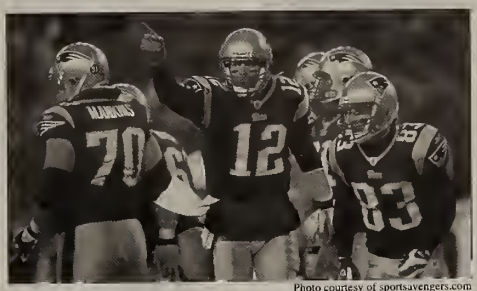
By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

The New England Patriots got their first road win of the season last Sunday and improved to 5-2 with a 35-7 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The win came across the pond in London, England but the Patriots showed no ill signs of playing a continent away from home as they dominated the game on both sides of the football. The Patriots' defense came up with three interceptions and Tom Brady threw for 300 yards and 3 TDs.

It was the Pats defense that got the scoring going early as Brandon Meriweather intercepted a Josh Johnson pass and returned it 39 yards for a touchdown.

Meriweather came up with his second interception of the game just three minutes later and set the tone for what would be a long day for the Buccaneers.

"You always want to kind of put a stress on turning the ball over," Meriweather said after the victory. "At the end of the day, if you get a lot of turnovers, nine times out of ten you win."



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Tom Brady, Logan Mankins, and Wes Welker get ready to score across the pond.

The Pats added to their lead late in the first quarter when Brady hit Wes Welker for a 14-yard touchdown.

Brady threw just his second interception of the season on the Pats' next drive, but came back just a few plays later with a 54-yard touchdown pass to Sam Aiken to make it 21-0.

"All the success that [Tom] gets on the field he really deserves, because he puts so much into it and gives so much of himself for this football team," coach Bill Belichick said after the game. "He's a great leader. He's a great worker. And I'm glad he's our quarterback."

Tampa Bay was able to get on the scoreboard late in the second quarter when Johnson hit Antonio Bryant for a 33-yard touchdown strike to make the score 21-7 at halftime.

But it was the only score that the Bucs would get, as New England's defense held Tampa Bay to fewer than 100 total yards in the final two quarters.

"We tried to mix it up on them a little bit and tried to keep Johnson in the pocket, which we had some success doing," Belichick said.

The Pats offense added another touchdown to start the third quarter when Brady found tight end Ben Watson deep for a 35-yard score. New England iced the game in the fourth quarter when Laurence Maroney scored on a one-yard touchdown run to make the score 35-7.

"We had a goal coming over here and there was certainly plenty of distractions for us, but to get the win and then to fly home and have a little bit of time off, I think we'll all reflect on the last seven weeks and hopefully move forward with better preparation, better concentration, and go out there and be able to perform better in the last nine weeks of the year," Brady said after the game.

New England has a bye week this Sunday and will get back to action on November 8th when they host the Miami Dolphins.

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Man charged with murder of UConn football player

By Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

"The ultimate son, he was the ultimate brother. He was the ultimate teammate. He was the ultimate friend. They didn't come any better than Jazz." That's how UConn coach Randy Edsall eulogized Jasper Howard, nicknamed "Jazz," at his funeral in Miami earlier this week.

Howard was stabbed outside of a UConn dance on October 18th. He was only 20 years old.

He was a beloved player on the UConn football team, and a beloved person in general. Howard was an expectant father at the time of his death.

Teammates hoped that charges would be brought against someone for Howard's death, and that wish came true on Tuesday. John William Lomax III was charged with murder and conspiracy to commit assault.

Two others were also arrested in connection with Howard's murder. Hakim Muhammad was charged with conspiracy to commit assault and Jamal Todd faces felony and misdemeanor charges.

None of the people arrested in connection with Howard's murder are UConn students. So the question is, why were they at a school-sanctioned dance at a school they didn't attend?

"It is a little closure, but the reality is my teammate's still not here with us," said UConn running back Jordan Todman.

UConn players were said to be happy that an arrest was finally made in this case, but like Todman said, their teammate still isn't here with them.

Before last week's game against West Virginia the team held a moment of silence to remember Howard. During the game both teams wore stickers on their helmets with Howard's number. A banner signed by West Virginia fans was displayed in the UConn entrance to the stadium memorializing Howard and reading, "Today we are all Huskies."

The fact that West Virginia allowed UConn to hold a moment of silence, wore Howard's number on their helmets, and fans made a banner speaks volumes. It shows the UConn team that they have support from other teams and that they are not alone.

After hearing all of the press around this tragedy, it's good to hear that arrests are being made and police are getting closer to finding the killer. As a college student myself I can't imagine going through this.

Hopefully in the next few days we will be able to find out the real story about what happened that fateful night. In the meantime, R.I.P. Jasper Howard.

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UConn cornerback Jasper Howard.

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WSC roundup: The week that was

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

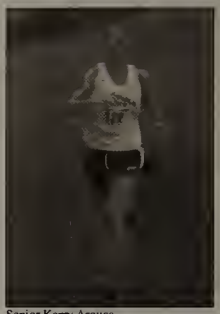
The fall sports season at Westfield State College is coming to an end, and the women's soccer team has been one of the most successful teams this fall. The team took a 2-0 victory over Salem State last Saturday night to improve to 13-1-2 on the season (5-0-1 MASCAC record). Senior Colleen Kenney and freshman Colleen Bazinet each scored in the win while goalie Jessica Pieciak pitched a shutout. The team will play their final regular season game this Saturday at MCLA before beginning play in the MASCAC tournament on November 4th.

The men's soccer team currently has a 7-7-1 (5-1 MASCAC) record following a 1-0 win at Salem State last Saturday. Sophomore Josh Severns scored the lone goal for the Owls with 8:35 remaining in the game. The team's final home game of the season will be tomorrow against MCLA at 5:00 p.m. Conference tournament action will begin on November 4th.

The WSC football team improved to 5-3 on the season with a 28-19 victory over Bridgewater State last Saturday. The win leaves the team at 3-2 in the Bogan Division of the New England Football Conference. Running back Luke Johnson led the Owls to the win with 113 rushing yards and one touchdown, while quarterback Kyle Anderson added two rushing TDs. The team has two more games remaining on the schedule, and will play their final home game of the season tomorrow afternoon vs. Fitchburg State at 1:00 p.m.

On October 24th, the men's cross country team took first place in the MASCAC Championships at Stanley Park to claim Westfield's 23rd overall conference title. Freshman Jon Dacey and sophomore Pat Regan finished first and second overall respectively to lead the Owls to the MASAC title. Dacey was awarded MASCAC Runner and Rookie of the Year following his impressive victory.

Westfield's women's cross country team made it two championships in one day as the Owls finished first overall to take home their sixth straight conference crown. Seniors Kerry Arouca and Ally Brown finished first and third respectively overall to lead the Owls to the victory and MASCAC title. Arouca was named the 2009 MASCAC Runner of the Year following the individual victory. Both teams will compete in the New England Alliance Championships tomorrow afternoon in Keene, N.H.


Senior Kerry Arouca

The women's field hockey team defeated Eastern Connecticut by a score of 2-1 last Saturday to improve to 7-10 on the season (1-4 MASCAC). Kasey Bascetta and Jessi Gould each scored a goal for the Owls. The team will play their final home game of the season against Western Connecticut tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Both the men's and women's golf teams have finished play for the 2009 season. The women's volleyball team (16-15, 5-0 MASCAC) has completed regular season play and will begin action in the MASCAC tournament on November 7th.

Check back next week to see how Westfield's teams fair in this weekend's games.

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BEAT The JERK

Hey Kids, welcome back! Congratulations goes out this week to Colby Henderson or Spencer, who went a whopping 10-3 last week to successfully beat the Jerk. For his efforts Colby will receive a gift certificate to Shaker Farms CC in Westfield. Will you be next? Not unless you play!

Denver over Baltimore
Detroit over St. Louis
Jets over Dolphins
Colts over San Francisco
Giants over Eagles (I hope. .)
Houston over Buffalo
Dallas over Seattle
Chicago over Cleveland
San Diego over Dakland
Jacksonville over Tennessee
Minnesota over Green Bay
Arizona over Carolina
Saints over Bengals

This weeks prize: A $20 gift certificate to Pasquale's restaurant.

If you think you have what it takes to beat my picks, send yours to jerkasaurusrex27@yahoo.com and who ever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice. Good Luck!

How to play? It's simple. All you have to do is pick more games correctly than the Jerk. The person with the most correct picks will win a prize. Tie-breaker will go to the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received. Good Luck!

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(March 21 - April 20)
Your ability to relate to everyone you meet should be strong right now, and it'll be really important for you to reconnect with the people around you this week. They'll probably be very sensitive to your needs and concerns at this time.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You should be willing to make a few sacrifices this week, and your hard work will probably be noticed by other people and could really help you to earn the good will of others. Now would be a great time to prove yourself if you're looking to impress anyone.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You might be inclined to take a few chances and will probably feel like going wherever the road takes you this week. And you should really try to broaden your horizons a bit if you can.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
It's a good week to take a little time out to reflect on any financial matters that you might need to get to the bottom of. And it could be a good time for you and your partner to think about investing in anything that might be able to help you get ahead.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Don't let any problems that might be lingering beneath the surface lead to some misunderstandings in your relationships this week. If this happens, just try to take every opportunity to clear things up.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Things could be looking up on the financial front for you this week, and you might even be receiving some kind of reward for all your efforts. You should be feeling physically strong and well-balanced right now

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
It should be a great week to enjoy yourself. Just be careful that you don't get carried away and end up overdoing it a bit. Since you should be able to express your emotions more freely than usual right now, it should be a good time for love and romance. And if there's something you really want, don't be afraid to take a few risks this week.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You'll probably be more than happy to be there for all your family's needs this week. In fact, you're likely to put others' needs before your own at the moment. And you could accomplish an awful lot if you just put a little bit of energy into organizing a few things around the house right now.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You should feel very comfortable sharing your thoughts and feelings with everyone around you right now. And it could even be a good week to tell someone you love them. It'd also be a good time to have any type of important discussions with any of your friends or loved ones today.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Your financial situation might be starting to look up a bit at this time. Just be aware that you might be required to spend a little money on a few things this week. And you might even end up having to spend a little something on your home before the week is through.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
Your interactions with other people could prove to be very important this week. You'll probably feel like sharing your thoughts and feelings with everyone you meet, and you could even be a little opinionated right now.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
You might want to pick out a worthy charity that you'd like to contribute something to, or you may want to lend a hand to someone you know could use a little help right now.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Ingredients

1 lb ground beef
1 envelope taco seasoning
1 10 oz. can kidney beans
1 head lettuce, shredded
1 12 oz pkg. shredded cheddar cheese
1 12 oz bag nacho cheese tortilla chips, crushed
1 16 oz. bottle thousand island dressing

Steps

Brown ground beef
Add taco seasoning
Simmer according to directions on package of taco seasoning
Place in large bowl
Add beans, tomatoes, lettuce, cheese, and crushed tortilla chips
Mix well
Cover with salad dressing
Mix again
Serve almost immediately
Enjoy ☺

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Knapik ousts Boulanger for mayoral seat

By Matt Castonguay
Editor-in-chief

Westfield City Councilor Daniel M. Knapik defeated Michael R. Boulanger by little more than 400 votes to become Mayor of Westfield this past Thursday.

Boulanger, who was seeking only his second term as Mayor said afterwards, "It was a challenging two years, but it was something I wanted to do."

The retired Air National Guard commander was humble in his defeat, though he said he was disappointed in voter turnout.

"I knew the election would be close, but I am disappointed at the voter turnout." said Boulanger. "With a city the size of Westfield you would think more people would have went to the polls."

The city of Westfield has more than 23,000 registered voters however, a meager 7,389, or 33%, showed up to the polls to cast their votes for the new Mayor.

On the other side of the coin is Daniel M. Knapik, Westfield's Ward 2 city councilor since 2002, who will replace Boulanger as Mayor.

"Its wonderful," Knapik said, contributing his victory to what he called "old-fashioned politics of meeting a lot of people and having a lot of good people behind me."

Photo courtesy of masslive.com

Dan Knapik celebrates his victory in the Westfield mayoral race.

According to his website, Knapik plans on rebuilding lines of communication between the local government and the community.

"I will re-institute an open-door policy in the Mayor's office," says Knapik on his website.

"I understand customer-service and will accommodate your schedule rather than force you to accommodate mine."

The website also lists Knapik's priorities for the towns budget, economic and job development as well as his strategy for a clean city.

He also plans to deal with issues surrounding the school system and Senior issues in the community.

Boulanger said about his past two years that they "were the toughest any mayor could have because of declines in both state and local revenue."

He continued, "That produced some very difficult circumstances locally.

But, we persevered, we worked as a team and resolved the problems, and I have no regrets."

Boulanger says he will continue to pursue changes he started and further develop projects he has started such as the downtown revitalization and city wide economic development until Knapik takes office in January.

The other Westfield elections saw three new school committee members and two new ward councilors, including James E. Brown, who will succeed Knapik in Ward 2.

Brown defeated Cindy C. Harris by 106 votes to take Knaipik's old seat while Ward 5 saw councilor Richard E. Onofrey Jr. defeat David S. Pelletier by 112 votes.

Onofrey said the council "has a lot of work to do during the next two years with a primary focus on city finances." However he did add,, "I am ready to begin work."

"The School Committee will have two new members come January. Cynthia Sullivan and William F. Duval joined incumbent Laura K. Maloney as victors over veteran School Committee member Robert J. Kapinos, former committee member John J. Sullivan IV and Jeffrey L. Gosselin who served briefly following the death of his mother Sharon Merlo-Gosselin in 2007.

Incumbent member Heather W. Sullivan did not seek re-election," according to Masslive.com.

Newly elected school committee member William F. Duval, a retired Westfield State College professor said, "I'm really excited. Now, the real work starts."

Westfield State joins action to protest dirty energy

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Have you noticed that tent between Lammers and Courtney and the giant sign next to it that says "350"? Have you wondered why students are camping out night after night in the cold temperatures? These students are participating in a "sleepout," a protest against the dirty electricity that powers our dorms and homes.

What is dirty electricity? As Mark Cabral, one of the protesters sleeping out here at Westfield State, explained, dirty electricity is anything that is not renewable.

Cabral said that throughout the state, students are refusing to sleep in their homes or dorms to protest the dirty electricity and to put pressure on the Massachusetts legislators. Cabral said that "the reality of man-induced climate change is upon us, we as students, we as citizens, and we as human beings of Earth demand that our political leaders take bold powerful action to negate the worst effects of climate change, for the world as we know it will be lost."

The Leadership Campaign, the group that is organizing the sleepout, has drafted a bill for the legislature that aims to switch to 100% clean electricity over the next ten years in Massachusetts. Student protesters make calls to Massachusetts representatives and senators each night that they participate in the sleepout. This will last on the Westfield State campus until Senator Kerry goes to the Copenhagen Climate Treaty Conference, which begins in early December.

The outcome of this conference will determine the world's policy on greenhouse gas emissions over the next forty years. Student protesters on campus are also campaigning for 350 parts per million, a number that NASA and NOAA have said that the world needs its carbon dioxide levels to return to. That's why the banner next to the tent on campus says "350."

Last Thursday night, I had the opportunity to meet with nine of the students who were participating in the sleepout on campus.

I was able to observe the students' orientation for the night, which established a connection between the protesters. They did not all know each other, but they are all working towards the same goal. At the orientation, the nine students went around in the circle of their 7-man tent, and talked a little about themselves.

Leah Visconti, the site leader for the sleepout on Thursday night, explained that the students were simply trying to "make a difference." Visconti said the students were "sleeping out in the cold because [they] care" and because they are "taking responsibility."

'If anyone would like to participate in this action you can contact Heather Bulis - hbulis@masspowershift.org'

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Springfield Falcons vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers
Mass Mutual Center
$10 for both events

6:00 p.m. - Gallery Talk
Contemporary Icons, followed by a performance of Renaissance music with Peter Blanchette
at 7:00 p.m.
WSC Downtown Art Gallery

8:30 p.m. - Movie: Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince
Free Food!
(Costume Competition winner recieves $50 American Express Gift Card)
Ely Main Lounge

10:00 p.m. - Taste Test at the Perch
Hamburger Contest

Saturday, November 7
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Graduate Program Open House
Scanlon Living Room

Sunday, November 8
1:00 p.m. - Patriots vs. Miami
Ely Main Lounge

7:00 p.m. - Women Empowering Other Women - Survivors of Rape/Sexual Assault Support Group
MOD Bldg 109

Celebrities can save the planet, too

Have you guys seen George Clooney's eco-friendly vehicle of choice? It is quite a unique machine. The Tango is a tall, skinny electric car that seats two, the brainchild of Commuter Cars of Spokane, WA. But despite its diminutive size, it's one badass car. It can go from 0 to 60 in 4 seconds and clip a quarter mile in about 12; it has a steel roll cage (yup, just like a race car), so it won't become your coffin when you hit something while cranking that engine to its limit; and it's actually more narrow than some motorcycles, so like bikes it can "lane-split" i.e. two vehicles can drive side by side in one lane. This makes the Tango the future of traffic solving problems – at least that's what its manufacturers are hoping for. And all for the reasonable price of $108,000.

Photo courtesy of blog.cdn.com
The Tango is an electric car.

Another topic involving vehicles that caught my interest this week was the Prius vs. Hummer debate. The past few years there has been an on-going argument on the validity of the Prius and whether it is really the best of the hybrid cars. Back in 2007 a CNW Marketing Research report stated that the Prius has negative impacts on the environment and is inferior to the Hummer. Their claim was that Toyota's holiest of holy cost more overall to manufacture and the pollution created from the shipment of its parts during the manufacturing process was greater than any pollution caused by the Hummer. According to the report, the Prius cost approximately $3.25 per mile and only lasts 110,000 miles; the Hummer cost $1.95 per mile and goes for about 300,000 miles.

But last March these "studies" were swiftly debunked. The Pacific Institute issued its own report that stated the CNW report was "the result of faulty analysis, untenable or unsupported assumptions, manipulation and misuse of facts and data," and so on.

They used the consumer reports to prove the Prius' validity: the Prius is rated as one of the most reliable small vehicles and the Hummer was rated 86% less reliable than the average vehicle; the Prius also received high ratings in "owner satisfaction" and "fuel economy" – the Hummer didn't make the list for either of these.

As far as reliability, Toyota vehicles that are 7 years old have the same number of problems as 3-year-old GM vehicles (GM manufactures the Hummer).

Kids, don't believe every piece of information you come across, even if it's from a "credible" source...

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George Bush covers issues including Iraq

By Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

Former President George W. Bush gave a speech to business leaders in New Delhi, India on October 31st. He spoke about a wide range of subjects and emphasized the importance of strong India-U.S. relations for the present and future. Bush also made a point of defending his own presidential legacy and the decision to invade Iraq. In doing so, he took one of the more interesting approaches.

Bush told the audience that, "Regime change in Iraq was the official policy of the US much before I became the president. It was a law passed by Congress by the previous administration. And I take words seriously in international relations." One may conclude that the 43rd president is arguing that he and the neoconservatives of his administration were merely trying to ensure that the Executive Branch fulfilled its Constitutional obligation to execute the laws passed by Congress when they invaded Iraq in 2003. This also in turn implies that the focus on Iraq from the very first National Security Council meeting in January of 2001 was just a continuation of Clinton administration policy. Though the former president is correct in that regime change in Iraq was not a new idea and that Congress did indeed pass a law calling for it, the facts then begin to rapidly diverge from the implications of his claims.

When Bill Clinton entered the White House in 1993, he was handed a U.S. Middle Eastern policy that was a product of the First Gulf War and of the actions of his predecessor. Iraq and its people paid a heavy price for their leader's decision to invade Kuwait in 1990. As the U.S.-led coalition expelled Saddam Hussein's army from the tiny Persian Gulf state in 1991, Iraq's civil infrastructure was subjected to a vicious bombing campaign.

Following the war's conclusion, United Nations inspectors were sent into Iraq to oversee the destruction of Hussein's stockpiles of chemical weapons and the U.S. government succeeded in maintaining and expanding the UN sanctions against Iraq. The U.S. military also enforced "no-fly-zones" over southern and northern Iraq. President

Photo courtesy of The Calcutta Telegraph
Former President George W. Bush defended his decisin to invade Iraq while speaking to business leaders in New Delhi on October 31st.

George H.W. Bush and his administration, along with the CIA, thought that the outcome of the war, the devastation from the bombing, and the added pressure from the sanctions would lead to a coup against Hussein from within the ranks of the Iraqi military in a matter of months. As they said then, the United States would then deal with the "next mustache in line."

By 1993, with no coup against Hussein, the sanctions against Iraq were rapidly becoming nothing more than a way to collectively punish the Iraqi people. Iraq could not import chlorine to purify water because it could also be used to make chlorine gas. Shipments of baby food were curtailed because it could also have been eaten by Republican Guard soldiers. Medical supplies, amongst many other things, were often restricted as well. The emphasis on the maintenance of sanctions became the predominant feature of the Clinton administration's Iraq policy. For the Middle East as a whole, the administration pursued a policy of "dual containment" against both Iraq and Iran. Martin Indyk, the chair of the National Security Council's Middle East Affairs section was the main author of the policy.

Throughout the 1990s, the Clinton administration bombed Iraq off and on as part of enforcing the no-fly-zones or when it felt Saddam Hussein wasn't fully cooperating with inspectors. Operation Desert Fox in 1998 was the single largest operation and featured four days of bombing and cruise missile

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Feminist fair covers broad topics from home to abroad

By Jessica Gray
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's annual Feminist Fair included around thirty posters presenting feminist achievements, issues and obstacles from home to abroad.

Part of the reason for the diverse subject matter was the fair's co-founder and organizer, Dr. Shoba Sharad Rajgopal, who is advisor to the Women's Studies minor, International and Intercultural Club, and is a member of the Ethnic and Gender Studies Department.

There were presentations on female world leaders, reminding students that Hillary Clinton was not the first woman to shake the belief that "it's a man's world." The poster, "Female Leaders of the World" profiled two other women who ran for the office of President of the United States. Victoria Woodhull in 1872 and Shirley Chisholm, an African American woman, a century later in 1972. The poster also profiled female leaders from India, the United Kingdom and Israel.

More posters covered international feminist issues such as "International Violence against Women," "Women for Sale: Sex Trafficking around the World," and "Mail Order Brides."

Several posters covered feminism in minorities like the poster "Yellow Power Movement, Red Power Movement," which highlighted feminism in Asian-American and Native American cultures. Many posters brought up feminism in the African-American community and prominent African-American women.

Also included were posters presenting feminist issues dealt with by most Americans on a daily basis like advertising and body image.

The poster "What Are They Really Selling" verbalized the ideas most advertisers seem to be promoting: "women are getting 'too strong,' they need to be cut down to size by losing weight… You're getting too powerful woman… so let's cut you down to size."

The poster "Women in Advertising" mentions the surprising fact that not only females are being affected by this trend of downsizing: "Approximately one million men and boys suffer from anorexia and/or bulimia in the United States alone."

Other posters included the unique topics of "Analysis of Gender Inequalities in Sports" and "Degradation of Women in Music."

Prof. Diana said, "I think the students' work is really impressive." She also noted that the new location of the fair, the recently completed entrance to the Ely Center, seemed to increase the number of people coming to the fair.

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Juniper Elementary gets a scare

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

Wednesday, October 28th was the WSC annual Haunted House at Juniper Elementary School. Resident Advisors, Resident Directors, and First Year Experience students gathered together to create a haunted house and a treats and activity room for kids at the elementary school.

First all the spooky props and materials were unloaded from the trucks, then the goodies and activities. After that the RA's and RD's stayed put in the cafeteria to set up the Haunted House as the FYE students followed Dawn Whitehill into the gymnasium.

Whitehill split the group up into sections in which two or three students would stand at a station to set up and entertain the children. Some sections include: candy apple stand, popcorn stand, snacks table, count the number of candies in the jar, arts and crafts, and more.

While waiting for the kids to arrive at 6:00PM the students sat around talking with one another and waiting for the food and game props to come so they could set up.

The students in the cafeteria had it a bit harder because they were busy changing into spooky clothing and setting up the room to look like a haunted house. At about 4:45 pizza was delivered for the volunteers so they could chow down before the events began.

Finally, after the haunted house was complete and the gym was ready for the kids to enjoy, 6:00 came and so did the costumes. They went anywhere from princesses to ninjas.

When going through the haunted house, the kids could decide whether they wanted it to be very scary or not that scary. If they wanted it to be scary a volunteer, an RA, would walk through first and show off a green glow stick. If they wanted it to be not that scary, an RA would walk through with a red glow stick.

A green glow stick meant that they were going to be yelling at the people, popping out from behind walls, showing off their scary faces, etc.

A red glow stick meant that they pretty much just waved to the kids in their scary costumes so they wouldn't be too afraid.

The kids in their Halloween costumes and the parents really seemed to enjoy the night!

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Applying to Grad School?

You've decided to head off to graduate school. You've researched graduate schools. You've checked out the program and the prerequisites. But there's more: fill out the application form, collect letters of recommendation, write a personal statement, take admissions tests, update your resume, pay your fee, and prepare for the admissions interview. If this seems like a lot to do, don't worry. Here are some tips to help you!

Application Form

The application form is straightforward. It requires your biographical information: your name, citizenship, address, phone number, and so on. The forms can be obtained from Admissions or downloaded from the institution's website.

Application Essay

The application essay allows you to indicate how well you are prepared for graduate school. Therefore, this essay should reveal your life experiences and goals, and how well you will perform at graduate school. To write a compelling essay, you first need to evaluate yourself. Ask yourself what challenges have you experienced and the obstacles you have overcome, what are your greatest achievements, and how have your experiences have prepared you for graduate school.

Recommendation Letters

Most graduate programs require two or more letters of recommendation. Choose faculty members, administrators, internship/co-operative education supervisors, and employers that know you well enough to evaluate your work and character. Give your referees a copy of your resume and plenty of time to write the letter. Some people do forget and some leave writing recommendations to the last minute. After you've given them a reasonable amount of time, follow up on your request. One gentle reminder is typically all that's needed. Take the time to write each referee a Thank You note. This simple gesture goes a long way.

Transcripts

You'll need to request transcripts from all previous colleges or universities you attended. To ensure they arrive on time, request transcripts early.

Admissions Tests

Most universities and colleges require students to take admission tests. The most common graduate school admission test is the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), but some others are the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) and the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Register early to take the tests because you want to make sure your test scores are received by the universities on time. Give yourself adequate time to prepare.

Resume

The resume details your academic and professional achievements, education level, and relevant work history. Make sure to include information that pertains to the program to which you are applying. You can find resources on how to construct a resume on the Career Center's website: www.wsc.ma.edu/careerservices.

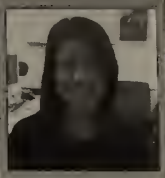
Application Fee

Receiving institutions require an application fee to cover processing and other administration costs. You must include this fee with your application.

The Interview

As part of the application procedure, take the time to research the individual programs to which you are applying and its faculty. If you know what the expectations are and can divine the interviewers' questions, you'll be far ahead of the game when it comes to preparing for the interview.

Student of the Week



Cait Conley
Theater Major
Senior

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Kate Winslet

If you could listen to only three bands/ artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
The Shins, Jason Mraz, and Glen Hansard

What's your favorite movie?
"The Princess Bride"

What would your last meal be?
Annie's Mac and Cheese

What do you plan to do after Westfield?
Probably try to be an actress.

What is your favorite material object?
My headphones

What extracurricular activities are you involved with?
I'm in "Tartuffe," I'm a tutor and I do the Student Theater Association.

Advertise Yourself:
I'm energetic and fun and a good listener!

What she's got to say…
Come see "Tartuffe"! It opens November 18th in the Ely Studio Theater!

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Ask me about 350

By Rachel Plumb
Voice Reporter

Walking around outside and looking to the sky, I used to daydream, creating elaborate schemes. Now when I look at the sky, I think about the number 350 and where we're all headed as I walk around our campus.

The number 350 is on the minds of MASSPIRG these days and it's also on the minds of many scientists and climate experts, such as James Hansen and Bill McKibben, who have stated that it is the safe limit for carbon within our atmosphere in spite of prior claims that 450 is the sustainable amount.

The accelerated impacts we are seeing from Global Warming have lead these scientists and climate experts to conclude that we are currently at 390 parts per million of C02. They've also concluded that this number is rising by 2 parts per million each year, which means that by the end of the century if we continue on the road we're on, we'll be at 900 parts per million.

Before the start of the 1800s, we were at 275 parts per million. However, because humans have been burning coal, gas, and oil, the amount of carbon in the atmosphere has risen over the past 200 years to where we are today.

We are currently higher than the sustainable amount of carbon, so we must get back down to 350. That means drastically changing things in our world. Right now, in preparation for the climate conference in Copenhagen, Denmark in December, the U.N. is working on a climate treaty.

Their ideas are not as strong as needed to reverse the damage we've done and prevent more damage. We need to eliminate coal plants, stop cutting down trees, adopting clean electricity, and a thousand other things in order to get to where we need to be.

October 24th marked the International Day of Climate Action, which was a call to action for all of the world to convince the U.N. that ascertaining 350ppm is possible and it's what needs to be done.

MASSPIRG's role within this is that we are trying to educate this campus about 350 as well as continually encouraging Massachusetts Senator John Kerry to bring 350 with him to Copenhagen this winter. Since Americans are the leading individual contributors to this problem, we'd like to see America step up and be a leader in the solution.

To hear more about this, I urge you to attend our core meetings on Wednesday nights at 8pm in our office which is right off of the Ely Third World Room.

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Editor's Desk

Happy November!
I'd like to start out by thanking everyone who participated, helped out and donated their time to the Make-A-Wish Date Auction. Thanks to all of your help, we reached our goal of raising over $3,000 at this year's auction. Along with the $3,000 raised in previous years, we're able to grant a wish for a terminally ill child! So thank you again!

And remember, you can pay at SGA and you'll receive your gift cards there.

Also, we love feedback so send us your letters to the editors and have a chance to be published! Whether it's good or bad, we want to know what you think. Our Letters to the Editors policy can be found on the bottom of page 2 if you have any questions.

Have a lovely weekend kids!

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Bill Clinton's Iraq war

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strikes. Covertly, the CIA was in Iraq in 1995 attempting to arrange a coup while working with the Kurds in the north, disillusioned members of the Iraqi military, and various exile groups.

Robert Baer's book *See No Evil* is an excellent source on this operation due to the fact that he was there in Iraq as a CIA field officer.

The Clinton administration ultimately pulled the plug on the whole thing and neither of the subsequent two attempts in 1996 made it very far.

The "law passed by Congress" cited by George Bush was a reference to the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998.

Passed by the Republican controlled Congress (and overwhelmingly endorsed by both parties), the act declared, "It should be the policy of the United States to support efforts to remove the regime headed by Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq and to promote the emergence of a democratic government to replace that regime."

Signed into law by Bill Clinton, it also called for the U.S. government to "provide democracy transition assistance to Iraqi parties and movements" but said nothing of bringing democracy to Iraq through an American invasion.

The neocons, who were pushing the bill undoubtedly, had bigger plans but it did get the ball rolling for them.

In retrospect, perhaps the most significant aspect was the support for Iraqi exile groups stipulated by the Act.

Ahmed Chalabi's Iraqi National Congress became a leading recipient.

Chalabi was the poster-child for the neocons and the INC proved to be crucial to the Bush administration during the build-up to the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

The incorrect information and outright lies it fed to the American public through the Pentagon's Office of Special Plans played no small part in selling the war.

The passage of the Iraq Liberation Act came at a pivotal point in time for the American political scene.

President Clinton was under fire over the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the administration faced the reality of working with a Republican controlled House and Senate.

Also at that time, the foreign policy of the Republican Party was being hijacked by the neocons.

Though President Bill Clinton and his administration had no qualms about bombing Iraq, collectively punishing the Iraqi people through sanctions, supporting exile groups, or trying to covertly overthrow Saddam Hussein, George Bush equating his administration's desire and decision to invade and occupy Iraq to Clinton's policies is inaccurate and highly deceptive.

Bush's comments are ironic in that behind the scenes, many of the men pushing the Iraq Liberation Act and who subsequently sent a letter to Clinton calling for regime change in Iraq were members of the Bush administration less than three years, later (Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, etc.).

The rest is history but as the former President Bush's recent comments in India show, the battle to selectively present that history or rewrite it altogether rages on.

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Editor's Desk

Has everyone bought a sweatshirt that says twenty-ten? I keep meaning to buy one, and I see Cait Penndorf eight times a week so probably I should have given her or someone on class council the money by now, but I'm slacking.

I went to the date auction this past Monday - missed the ONLY show I watch (One Tree Hill!) so I could buy my roommate and fantastic friend Nikki. She sold for the big bucks. I am proud to say that Nikki and her ice-cream scooping hands contributed to granting a childs wish this year! :)

We are getting closer and closer to Thanksgiving guys! I can't wait!

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REFLECTIONS

By Franny & Matt

SEAN COMBS

Born in the projects of Harlem, Sean John Combs rose from obscurity to become one of the most financially successful artists in the history of rap music. Combs grew up around drugs and crime; his father was a drug lord's associate and was killed when Combs was a child.

Despite these surroundings, Combs was successful in school and became an intern at Uptown Records, helping sign and produce Mary J. Blige.

After parting ways with Uptown Records, Combs established Bad Boy Records and quickly signed Notorious B.I.G. for his debut album, "Ready to Die."

Sean Combs

While most are familiar with Combs for his own music, rap was almost a secondary career, as he was first and foremost a label founder and producer—one of the most prominent producers of the nineties that represented the east coast flavor of hip-hop.

Fast-forwarding over fifteen years later, Bad Boy Records is still standing with modest success.

CHRIS IRVINE

On November 9, American-born Canadian professional wrestler Chris Irvine celebrates his 39th birthday. The dual-citizenship-holding grappler is a man of many professions, rising to fame in WWE as Chris Jericho by becoming the first-ever Undisputed World Champion and a record-setting nine time Intercontinental Champion.

Jericho currently holds the Unified Tag Team Championship with Big Show after finishing stellar feuds with Rey Mysterio and Shawn Michaels.

Outside of the ring, Irvine keeps busy fronting his heavy metal band, Fozzy, and plan to release their fourth studio album in January of 2010. While known for often humorous promos on WWE programming, he was also a frequent contributor to VH1 shows like "I Love the 80s," with witty comments.

Chris Irvine

Irvine starred in the straight-to-DVD slasher "Albino Farm," which was released last month.

PAT TILLMAN

These days, the word "Hero" is often times thrown around far too loosely.

However, in the case of Pat Tillman, the term is probably the most fitting way to describe the man.

Once upon a time the most fitting title would have been all-pro safety, back in 2000 after a career year with the NFL's Arizona Cardinals. After September 11th 2001, Tillman's world, like the rest of ours, changed forever.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks, Tillman enlisted in the Army as a ranger, leaving $3.6 million from the Arizona Cardinals on the table.

Pat Tillman

Tillman, who was born on Nove-mber 6th, 1976, was killed in action in Afghanistan on April 22nd of 2004 during his second tour of duty.

He was 27 years old. While Tillman did not redefine the safety position in the NFL during his brief three year career, he may have, in three years of military service, redefined what it is to be a hero.

Movie making it harder to adopt?

By Sarah Scherer
Voice Reporter

The Orphan is a film that came out this year about a nine year old girl that gets adopted by a couple that already have two children.

The family has suffered a lot, through alcoholism, infidelity, and birth of a stillborn.

The movie manages to insult the orphanage system as well as Russians.
Unfortunately, I can see this movie making it even harder for older children to get adopted over babies.

Everything seems to be going great at first; the girl Esther seems sweet, smart and 'different' in a good way.

Things start going downhill pretty soon, when a little girl gets pushed off a slide by Esther, and falls three feet, somehow breaking her ankle.

I predicted right away that this movie would be that type of story where the mother sees the evil in a child, while the father arrogantly defends the child, despite repeated suspicious incidents and overwhelming evidence.

It makes you hate the stupid father who for some reason refuses to believe his sober wife of many years over his new creepy adopted daughter with the russian accent that comes and goes. He doesn't seem suspicious

Photo courtesy of simplyscripts.com
The Orphan

when 'accidents' follow her everywhere, and thinks his wife is just taking out her sadness of the death of her baby on the new girl.

I have always been frustrated by this type of plot, also seen occasionally on "Desperate Housewives."

Esther embodies the typical, standard image of a creepy little girl used so often in horror movies.

Perfect, pigtailed, curled hair, and dressed in a little church-going dress, the only new thing about her is her accent.

Right off the bat I hated the father, and decided he deserved whatever fate was coming his way.

I guess I could understand him thinking the fire and all of the other incidents that happened to Esther before they met her were coincidences, but when his kids repeatedly almost die several times whenever she's around I have to wish that they had created his character better.

In addition to that aspect, the unfavorable portrayals of the orphanage systems in Russia and the United States were my main problems with the movie. The movie made it seem like children under went almost no screening or identification process when they were adopted or transferred to different orphanages.

Despite that, I was generally impressed with the movie.

Without giving too much away, the plot twist is thoroughly creepy and disturbing, and better than any supernatural ending they could have thought up.

You have to take most thriller or horror movies with a grain of salt and make some allowances; if they had to be completely realistic it wouldn't make for such a good story every time.

Personally, this movie freaked me out considerably more than Paranormal Activity did, so I would definitely recommend it to any fans of psychological thrillers. It will not disapoint.

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Campus Announcements

WSC - TV Show interest meeting
Join us for the first production meeting of "The Hoot"
Thursday, November 5th at 4:30 pm
3rd floor lounge of Ely
Refeshments will be served

Friday 11/6
WSC vs. WNEC 4 pm
Springfield Falcons
vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers
7:30 pm
$10.00 tickets for both events, buy at the campus window

Bowzer's R' n R' party
Woodward Center
November 21 at 7:30 pm

Dance Club performance
November 13 at 7:30 pm
Dever Auditorium

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Albums
1. The Twilight Saga - New Moon
2. Tim McGraw - Southern Voice
3. Michael Buble - Crazy Love
4. Jay-Z - The Blueprint 3
5. Miley Cyrus - The Time of Our Lives (EP)
6. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.
7. Taylor Swift - Fearless
8. Owl City - Ocean Eyes
9. Barbra Streisand - Love is the Answer
10. Joss Stone - Colour Me Free!

Top 10 Singles
1. Owl City - Fireflies
2. Jason DeRulo - Watcha Say
3. Jay Sean ft. Lil Wayne - Down
4. Miley Cyrus - Party in the USA
5. Jay-Z, Rihanna, & Kanye West - Run This Town
6. Lady Gaga - Paparazzi
7. The Black Eyed Peas - Meet Me Halfway
8. Britney Spears - 3
9. The Black Eyed Peas - I Gotta Feeling
10. Beyonce - Sweet Dreams

Top Movies
1. Michael Jackson's This is It
2. Paranormal Activity
3. Law Abiding Citizen
4. Couples Retreat
5. Where the Wild Things Are

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Timbaland - Shock Value 2
2. Janet Jackson - Number Ones
3. Carrie Underwood - Play On
4. Shwatze - Let it Beat
5. John Mayer - Battle Studies

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Up
2. Star Trek
3. Bruno
4. Funny People
5. The Maiden Heist

Upcoming Video Games
1. Band Hero
2. Fireburst
3. Left 4 Dead 2
4. COD: Modern Warfare 2
5. Tony Hawk: RIDE

Rock Band Content:
1. Foo Fighters 4-pack: Best of You, The Pretender, Wheels, Word Forward
2. Nirvana "Bleach" 3-pack: About a Girl, Blew, School
3. Joan Jett & The Blackhearts - Fake Friends

Beatles Rock Band November Content:
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
Date not yet announced.

Guitar Hero 5 Content:
Lenny Kravitz Track Pack: Fly Away, Lady, Let Love Rule

DJ Hero Content:
Extended Mix Pack 1:
50 Cent f. Mary J. Blige - All of Me vs Queen - Radio Ga Ga

Planning to check out any of these new releases? We'd love to print your reviews. Submit to

thevoice@wsc.ma.edu!

Time Machine

This week in Music History

by Franny Zupancic
www.contrabandwrestling.com

Led Zeppelin
Led Zeppelin II
October 22 1969

Led Zeppelin make their second appearance in the Time Machine column as we just passed the fortieth anniversary of Led Zeppelin II, released in October of '69. II is widely considered as one of the most influential albums of all-time, paving the way for heavy metal guitar soloing techniques we all know and love today. Jimmy Page's fingertips ran across his fret-board like feet on hot coal, blazing through one-handed solos in songs like "Heartbreaker." These techniques would inspire the six-string-gods of the future, including Steve Vai, Joe Perry, Slash, and Eddie Van Halen.

Led Zeppelin II wasn't all about mind-melting jam sessions, however. "Thank You," a delicate ballad written by lead singer Robert Plant for his wife Maureen, was an extreme contrast from "Heartbreaker." Page put away the usual Les Paul in favor of a Vox twelve-string for this classic song. "Thank You" became influential in its own right, covered by artists ranging from Duran Duran to Chris Cornell.

It wasn't all about crazy guitar work, though. Despite Page's innovations at the front of the stage, John Bonham would power through some intense drum work, to say the least. The 12-bar-blues format track "Moby Dick" is best-known for its drum solo, but the studio version gives only a sliver of the passion Bonham puts into his drum kit assault. Live performances of the song would feature an extended solo ranging from six to twenty minutes long, and usually ended with blood on the hands of Bonham, as he would either throw his drumsticks into the audience or break the sticks due to his aggressive style of drumming, and would finish the solo with his hands.

Led Zeppelin II sold three million copies in the United States alone over the course of six months and knocked Abbey Road out of the number one spot. It has since sold over twelve million copies.

One of the reasons the album was so influential was that it was the one of the few albums where the songs were identified by guitar riffs rather than familiar vocal hooks. The average person is more likely to recognize "Heartbreaker," "Whole Lotta Love," or "Living Loving Maid (She's Just a Woman)" by their guitar riffs rather than their choruses or verses. The same can be said for Van Halen's "Panama," AC/DC's "Back in Black," Aerosmith's "Walk This Way," and Guns N' Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle."

Where are they now?

John Bonham died at the young age of 32 due to medical complications after consuming forty shots of vodka. The surviving members of the band planned to reunite for a tour with Bonham's son, Jason, on drums, but Robert Plant decided against the idea. The band did play a single gig in 2007 at the O2 Arena in London, but it is very possible that was the end of the band. After not having played a show in twenty-seven years, if you missed out on the O2 show, you probably missed your last chance.

Robert Plant won the 2009 Album of the Year Grammy Award with Alison Krauss for their 2007 album, "Raising Sand." The duo also took home Record of the Year and three additional Grammy Awards.

Bassist John Paul Jones is currently a member of "Them Crooked Vultures," a supergroup trio with Josh Homme (Queens of the Stone Age, Eagles of Death Metal) and Dave Grohl (Nirvana, Foo Fighters, Probot).

Jimmy Page inducted fellow Yardbirds founder Jeff Beck into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2009, and recently appeared on-stage with John Paul Jones and the Foo Fighters to perform "Rock and Roll" and "Ramble On." Held in Wembley Stadium, the show was released on DVD and Blu-Ray.

Led Zeppelin II
40th Anniversary

Guitar Hero 5: Cobain, Cash, Santana on tour on your TV

By **Franny Zupancic**
A&E Editor

Being a loyal supporter of the Rock Band series and basically anything the Boston-based Guitar Hero originators Harmonix put out, I have a hard time giving credit when due to current Guitar Hero owners Neversoft. I generally used "World Tour" as a coaster and refused to ever purchase any downloadable content, dedicating my XBoxLive Points strictly to songs for Rock Band. When Harmonix puts out over ten songs a week on average, and Neversoft puts about about three, it's hard to not pick Rock Band.

Neversoft finally got back to basics and won me over, however. Guitar Hero 5 has been out since September 1, but when a game has 85 songs, you can't appreciate the 'experience' overnight. Guitar Hero 5 comes with all songs unlocked right out of the box. If you're dieing to play Dire Straits' "Sultans of Swing" or Megadeth's "Sweating Bullets," you can do so without suffering through fifty or sixty other songs you may or may not like.

Guitar Hero 5's soundtrack spans a very wide range of genres and eras, from Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower" from 1967 to a reworked 2009 version of "Bring the Noise" by Public Enemy with guest shredder Zakk Wylde. The downloadable content is still scarce and not up to the rapid-fire release rates of Rock Band, but Neversoft pulled out the big guns upon the game's release, with a 1969 Rolling Stones Live track pack hitting the marketplace two days later.

Like any Guitar Hero release, the charts are often questionable, but not as bad as III or World Tour. Keyboard is often charted as a 'tap section,' played with either frets or the touch-strip. It feels a little strange having to play "Keytar Hero" for a few seconds but afterall it is just a game, and it allows for the inclusion of more songs that aren't generally associated with Guitar Work (Stevie Wonder's "Superstition").

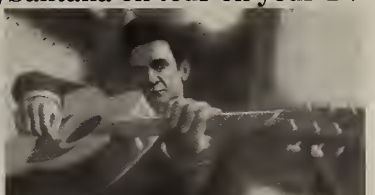
Similar to World Tour, 5 features playable avatars including Shirley Manson, Matthew Bellamy, Johnny Cash, Kurt Cobain, and Carlos Santana. The ability to play as Cobain for any track--he is not constricted to only Nirvana songs like Hendrix was in World Tour--has created controversy with widow Courtney Love and Nirvana members Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic.

The current incarnation of Guitar Hero features a stripped down, get-right-to-it menu and career setup that features ONE career in which you can select to play as any instrument, or even four of the same instrument locally or online. Each of the 85 songs features a unique "challenge" that are not necessary but add to the replay-value of the game. These challenges range from whamming on the sustained notes for 80 seconds as a guitarist in Tom Petty's "Runnin' Down a Dream," or scoring six million points as a band (any combination of instruments) on Elton John's "Saturday Night's Alright (For Fighting)."

Another great feature that is clearly inspired by Harmonix's innovations with Rock Band is the ability to export songs from World Tour, Smash Hits, and Band Hero for play in all Guitar Hero 5 modes. Unfortunately this only includes 35, 21, and 61 songs from each game, respectively, which turns out to be less than half of the songs from World Tour and Smash Hits. The rest of the songs are unavailable for export due to licensing issues. It's better than nothing, though, and like Rock Band, downloadable content from World Tour is forwards-compatible with Guitar Hero 5. (Well, all of it except for the Jimi Hendrix packs.)

My one hope for the future of these games is forwards-compatibly inclusion of playable avatars. They have all of the motion-capture data for artists, so one would think it would be easy to have the characters carry over into future games. I mean, having Slash in Guitar Hero: Aerosmith might have boosted sales a little bit more with very little extra needed work. (Slash was featured on guitar in Lenny Kravitz's "Always on the Run," and did motion capture work for his appearance in Guitar Hero III.)

Neversoft might be slacking on the downloadable content, but they are making up for it by releasing stellar standalone titles like DJ Hero, Band Hero, and Guitar Hero: Van Halen. With the ability to export nearly all of the Band Hero setlist into Guitar Hero 5, it's like one big downloadable content pack, although I don't know if anyone is really clamoring for Spice Girls and the Village People in their Guitar Hero song selection.



Johnny Cash in Guitar Hero 5, courtesy of GameSpy

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From the cheap seats

By: Matt Castonguay

You may think you know who the most dominant athlete in all of professional sports is, but you're probably wrong.

Most people would say Tiger Woods and they'd be close, but wrong.

The most dominant athlete in professional sport is none other than Jimmie Johnson, NASCAR's wonder boy.

Johnson, 34, is three races away from becoming the first driver in NASCAR history to score back to back to back to back Sprint Cup series titles. Last year, Johnson became only the second driver in history (Cale Yarborough 1976-1978) to win three consecutive titles, and with the current playoff format in NASCAR, coupled with Johnson's silky smooth and relentlessly consistent driving style, it is conceivable that he could win a 5th and possibly even 6th consecutive title.

For arguments sake, lets compare him to Tiger Woods, the guy most people would claim to be the most dominant athlete in sport.

Tiger Woods is 33 years-old and has been on the PGA tour since 1996, seven years longer than Jimmie Johnson has been driving NASCAR. Lets take those first seven years and compare them to Johnsons. Tiger collected 29 of his 71 career wins in his first seven years, including six of his fourteen major championships. In that same time, Jimmie Johnson has won 46 times, including eight times in NASCARs "majors," The Daytona 500, Allstate 400 at the Brickyard (Indianapolis Motor Speedway), The Southern 500 (Darlington) and the Coca-Cola 600 (Lowe's Motor Speedway). Throw in an All-star challenge victory and you've got a pretty impressive resume besides the three (soon to be four) consecutive titles.

If you want to compare performance on the big stage, lets compare Tigers performance in Major championships and Jimmies' in Chase races. Tiger has won 14 major championships in 54 starts. In 47 career chase races, Jimmie Johnson has scored 17 of his 46 victories.

Not to mention the fact that Johnson has been in the Sprint Cup series since 2002 and has never finished lower than 5th in the points, which he has done twice. He has also finished 2nd twice.

Obviously, figures lie and liars figure and I'm doing just that here. I mean, you can't rightfully or accurately compare NASCAR to golf. I mean, Tiger gets four Majors a year, Johnson gets 10 chase races, so those don't quite equal each other. Being a frustrated golfer, I feel like being good at golf is actually far more difficult than becoming a world-reknown brain doctor who is simultaneously hot on the trail of the cure for cancer; so I feel like compared to that, driving a race car is a walk in the park.

However, while I feel Tiger Woods is, in fact, the most dominant athlete, not only in his sport today, but ever, Jimmie Johnson will one day de-thrown Richard Petty as the king of stock car racing and deserves to be considered in the same pantheon of athletes like Woods, Jordan, Ruth, Gretzkey etc. That much, I do not doubt. And the run he is on now of three, soon to be four, consecutive titles is incredible and deserves a standing ovation from sports fans everywhere, even if they couldn't explain the difference between a restrictor plate and a sway bar.

Tiger Woods is an immortal. He isn't my favorite golfer but my God, to watch him and not think you're a witness to history is quite naive. Seemingly with every swing he takes, he does something unprecedented. So while for shock value, I compared Johnson to Woods, it is impossible and quite ridiculous to do so.

That being said, maybe next time the Patriots are taking some JV AFC team to the woodshed, you might consider flipping over to ABC and taking in a bit of history. Sure it my look like a bunch of cars going in circles, but if you pay close attention, you'll see the best of our generation and (unless Kyle Busch changes his ways a bit) probably the best ever. It may bore you and that ok, but for the sake of your fanhood, learn what you can about this Jimmie Johnson character.

And for those of you who held on tight all the way to the end and didn't turn the page when you saw NASCAR, thanks for the read.

Hopefully, by the time you're reading this, the Phillies will be World champs again or at least, we'll all be getting ready for a game seven for the ages. I'd like to also mention ESPN's 30 for 30 documentary this past week on Len Bias.

It was an absolute masterpiece and a must-see for any Celts, basketball or sports fan. A truly tragic tale about a guy who had it all and let it slip away, a cautionary tale we can all relate to in some respects since we all make mistakes.

Until next time kids...Keep clean and don't let that pig flu get you...

First half of season finishes with an exclamation

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Seven down, nine to go. While mathematically the Patriots may not be at the halfway point of the 2009 season, a week eight bye to rest and reflect pretty much means that the Pats have wrapped up the first half of the regular season.

The first seven games of the 2009 campaign have left New England with a 5-2 record and a game and a half lead atop the AFC East.

The first seven games have shown us the maturation of young talent on defense. They've shown us that the heralded Tom Brady can come back from knee surgery and return to the record breaking quarterback that all Pats fans have come to love.

They've shown us that a 40-year-old linebacker can come out of retirement (once again I might add) and make an impact. But most importantly they've shown us that the Patriots are once again Super Bowl contenders.

The 2009 season started off with a bang. New England was hosting the Buffalo Bills on Monday night football and everyone around the country was ready for a blowout. But apparently Buffalo never got the message, and the Bills gave the Patriots all they could handle for 55 minutes.

But staring defeat in the face, Tom Brady hit Ben Watson for touchdowns twice in the last five minutes to erase a 24-13 deficit and give the Pats an exhilarating 25-24 win.

But just a week later, the highs of the thrilling comeback were washed away as the Pats headed down to the Meadowlands to face the rival Jets. The Jets talked trash all during the week, but couldn't back it up on the field in the first half. The Pats led at halftime 9-3 but in the second half everything went wrong and the Jets were able come from behind with a 16-9 win.

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Tom Brady of the New England Patriots

The loss left a distasteful feeling in the mouth of all Pats fans.

But the Pats responded, and in week three we saw an all around solid effort and a 26-10 victory over the Atlanta Falcons while in week four we saw New England hold on to beat the undefeated Baltimore Ravens 27-21.

The Pats headed into Denver in week five with a 3-1 record ready to take on the undefeated Broncos. Similar to the Jets game, things went right in the first half and the Pats held a 17-7 halftime lead. But nothing went right for New England in the last two quarters and heartbreak struck as the Broncos kicked a game winning field goal in overtime to take a 20-17 victory.

The Patriots responded from the dreadful loss and put together one of the greatest performances that I've ever witnessed in week six. Playing in a snowy Gillette Stadium, the Pats put on a show for the home crowd and gave the Tennessee Titans a 59-0 whipping. Tom Brady played magnificently, looking even better than the record breaking QB of 2007, and finished with 380 yards and six touchdowns. The Pats took their dominating ways across the pond in week seven and laid it on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with a 35-7 victory in a historic game in London. In those two games: Patriots 94, Opponents 7.

And that's where we find the Pats now. They are 5-2, with nine games to go. The good news: Tom Brady looks like, well, Tom Brady. Jerod Mayo is healthy and Adalius Thomas seems to have received a wake up call from his week six benching. Brandon Meriweather looks like a beast at safety and Leigh Bodden, Brandon McGowan, and Darius Butler have all shown good flashes playing in the defensive backfield. And even Laurence Maroney has begun to show some flashes.

The bad: Sammy Morris and Fred Taylor are injured and aging. That means that Maroney might be the go to guy at running back down the stretch. Can he handle it? That remains to be seen.

While Moss and Welker are a great 1-2 punch, the Pats lack a true number three receiver.

Can journeyman Sam Aiken or rookies Julian Edelman or Brandon Tate fit the role that most thought Joey Galloway would fill (and boy did that go well!) when it's crunch time? And can a defense that ranks 27th in the league in sacks finally get some pressure on the quarterback?

The Pats will face some tough games in the second half including trips to face the undefeated Colts and Saints along with playing the Miami Dolphins (or should we say the Miami Wildcats?) twice. But they will also have some easier games as they play Carolina, Buffalo, and Jacksonville. The game to circle on your calendar: November 22nd when the trashing talking Jets come to Gillette with the Pats hungry for revenge.

A record of 5-2 is nothing to be ashamed of, and the Pats have been playing their best football as of late. With a week to rest and prepare for the journey ahead, the Pats now have nine games left to make a playoff push and show that they can once again be Super Bowl champs.

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A timeout with Teresa

By Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

For me, baseball season is never over. I watch the games during the season, and in the off season I check the sports pages for trades and signings. What can I say? It's my favorite sport.

This is why I'm continuing to write about baseball. The Boston Red Sox in particular. What an off season they're going to have.

First on the list of discussion is Jason Varitek. Will he be back next season with the addition of Victor Martinez? That's a tough one.

Now that Victor Martinez is in a Sox uniform, Varitek's job could be in trouble. Martinez has the bat that Varitek doesn't have. Martinez is also younger than Varitek is. That could play into the decision.

During the ALDS, Martinez started as catcher and Varitek was on the bench. It could be assumed that Terry Francona did that to have the better bat in the lineup. That's the way I took it anyways.

There is no doubt that Varitek has been an extreme asset to the club over the many years he's been with the team. However, age is starting to become a factor in whether or not he gets regular playing time. Next season I see Martinez being the primary catcher. Now, where does that leave Varitek? Will he settle for being a backup, or will he retire?

I don't see Varitek settling to be a backup catcher after starting for the Sox for many years. It would be nice to see Varitek on the coaching staff, however. He could be a great asset for the pitching staff.

Second on the list of discussion is Jason Bay. Will he be back next season, or will he find a new home? God I hope he's back next season. With his bat and his defense the Red Sox need to find a way to keep him on the team. Losing him would be detrimental to the team.

Bay's offense this past season was absolutely amazing. It seemed like he was getting a hit, if not a homerun, every time he came up to bat. There was no stopping him. Not to mention how he would put his body on the line in the outfield.

He is an extremely valuable asset to the team, and it wouldn't surprise me if other teams, such as the Yankees, tried to snatch him up.

I hope that doesn't happen, but I can see many teams trying to retain his services.

Theo Epstein needs to do whatever possible to keep Bay on this team. There's no reason to think that he won't produce next season like he did this past season.

Many Red Sox fans, including myself, will be very sad and disappointed to see Jason Bay go. I anticipate negotiations to begin very soon. Soon enough it will be time for arbitration and Winter meetings.

Personally, I can't wait.

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Red Sox catcher Victor Martinez, who joined the tim midway through the season.

WSC roundup: The week that was

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Westfield's women's soccer team became the MASCAC regular season champions with a 2-1 victory last Saturday over MCLA. Senior Meg Gearin scored the first goal for the Owls (14-1-2, 6-1 MASCAC record) and freshman Colleen Bazinet broke a 1-1 tie with a goal of her own to give Westfield the 2-1 win.

The Owls defense was solid all afternoon and prevented MCLA from scoring on many opportunities. The team will begin MASCAC tournament play this week with a semi-final game vs. Bridgewater State. A win will put them in the championship game on Saturday, November 7th.

The men's soccer team clinched the number two seed in the MASCAC tournament with a 2-2 tie on Senior Day last Saturday against MCLA. Sophomores Justin Laliberte and Sam LaBonte each scored a goal in the tie. The team begins play in the MASCAC tournament this week against Framingham State, and a win will put them in the championship game on November 7th.

The WSC football team won its fourth straight game and improved to 6-3 overall with a 32-16 Senior Day win over Fitchburg State last Saturday afternoon. The win marked the 100th career victory for head coach Steve Marino. The Owls were down for most of the first half, but a blocked by punt Ryan O'Connell was returned for a touchdown and the momentum shifted in Westfield's favor. Senior wide receiver David Benoit scored two TDs and an interception by linebacker Bryan Anderson set up a 2-yard touchdown run by fullback Steve Ohison. The team will play their final regular season game tomorrow at Worcester State.

The women's field hockey team (8-10) won their final game of the season last Friday night with a 3-2 Senior Night victory over Western Connecticut. Sophomore Jessi Gould scored all three of the Owls goals in a hat trick performance to lead Westfield to the win. The Owls defense held on strong to seal the victory and Westfield goalie Amanda McCarthy recorded seven saves.

Westfield's men's cross country team finished fourth out of twelve teams in the New England Alliance championships held last Saturday at Keene State. Westfield's top finisher was sophomore Patrick Regan, who placed 16th overall and earned all-conference honors.

The women's cross country team one-upped the men's team, and finished third out of thirteen teams in the Alliance championships. Westfield Senior Kelly Arouca finished first overall in the meet to lead the Owls to the third place finish. Both teams will compete in the ECAC Championships tomorrow in Williamstown, MA.

The women's volleyball team (17-5, 6-0 MASCAC) has earned the number one seed in the MASCAC championships which will be held in the Woodward Center tomorrow, November 7th. The Owls will take on fourth-seeded Framingham State College in the first semi-final round match at 11:00 a.m.

A win will put them in the championship game later that day, where the winner receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III Volleyball Championships.

Check back next week to see how Westfield's teams fared in their MASCAC tournament games.

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BEAT The JERK

Its with a heavy heart that this Giants fan returns to you this week after a dismal week for the Jerk who went 7-6. Congrats goes out to Dominic Costanzi, last weeks winner who went 9-4 to successfully beat the Jerk. For his efforts, Dominic will receive a pass to Shaker Farms CC in Westfield. Will You be next? Not unless you play!

Atlanta over Washington
Chicago over Arizona
Cincinnati over Baltimore
Indianapolis over Houston
New England over Miami
Green Bay over Tampa Bay
Jacksonville over Kansas City
New Orleans over Carolina
Seattle over Detroit
San Francisco over Tennessee
Giants over San Diego
Dallas over Philadelphia
Pittsburgh over Denver

If you think you have what it takes to beat my picks, send yours to jerkasaurusrex27@yahoo.com and who ever has the most correct picks will win a prize from the Westfield Voice. Good Luck!

How to play? It's simple. All you have to do is pick more games correctly than the Jerk. The person with the most correct picks will win a prize. Tie-breaker will go to the person whose picks were received first based on the time the email was received. Good Luck!

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You might not totally trust someone else's judgment when it comes to money this week. The problem is that any conflicts are likely to be highly emotional. So just try not to get too carried away with any disputes.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
Just realize that any unresolved problems in your relationships are likely to start popping up this week. And since you're both bound to be a little more emotional than usual, you might be inclined to want to fight rather than compromise when disagreements arise.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
If you have to deal with a lot of work or any other sort of responsibilities this week, there could be quite a bit of confusion and some conflicts might result. Your physical energy might be a little low at the moment.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You probably won't feel much like compromising your interests to the needs of others, and this could lead to some conflicts with a few of your friends before the week is through. Your mind is likely to be on your romantic interests and on having a little fun right now.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
There might be quite a few obligations that you'll be expected to take care of in the outside world this week. And even if your thoughts are primarily centered on your family and private life right now, there are bound to be plenty of other responsibilities making demands on you that you just won't be able to ignore.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Your restlessness could make you a little irritable and lead to a few misunderstandings this week. You'll probably wish that you could be a little more carefree and independent right now. Give it time, the stress will pay off and things will start to fall in place.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You could be feeling a little sensitive right now, and you might tend to overreact and feel like you need to defend yourself more than is really necessary this week. So just try not to let things get too out of hand if you can help it. And don't be so sure that you always know what everyone else is thinking.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You could find that you're just not on the same wavelength with the important people in your life this week. So just try to take a step back and see things from their point of view if you can. You could be so busy advocating your own position that you don't really stop to consider what someone else's concerns might be.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You should be aware that everyone around you might be likely to react to things a little more emotionally than usual right now. Try not to keep anything bottled up.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
You'll probably feel like following your heart this week. And if your friends or other people don't quite appreciate that, there could be a few disagreements to deal with before the day is through.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
If you have a number of responsibilities that you have to deal with this week, you just might not be all that into it. Your mind will be floating back to different issues. Try to clear your cluttered mind by taking some time for yourself.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
You're likely to be feeling somewhat adventurous right now, and you probably wouldn't mind escaping your usual environment and getting out of town. Remember to take care of other issues first, however.

Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Nine Can Chili

1 lb of ground turkey or hamburger, or nothing (if you are a nonmeat eater) (browned)
1 chopped onion (sautéed)
2 small cans diced tomatoes with chili peppers, 10 ounces
2 small cans of diced tomatoes with garlic
1 small can of diced tomatoes
1 can of tomato sauce, 8 ounces
1 can white beans
1 can black beans
1 can pinto beans
1 bag of cole slaw, 14 ounces

Cook ground turkey (hamburger or nothing) & onion
Add all 9 cans of tomatoes & beans
Add cole slaw
Bring to a slow boil
simmer as long as you want (all day would be best).
Enjoy!

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Scanlon safe because of RA's quick actions

By Caitlin Handcock
Voice Reporter

STOP DROP AND ROLL. Stop sleeping, drop a couple choice words and roll out of bed. Another fire alarm in Scanlon Hall.

However, it wasn't long before second floor East Wing and Pike residents realized this was no drill. East Wing was lightly covered in a haze of smoke.

Matt Waldrip, RA for second floor Pike Hall, was informed by a resident that the men's bathroom was emitting smoke from under the door. Waldrip grabbed his cell phone and went to check it out.

"I felt the handle like they always teach you to do and I opened the door. It was legit," said Waldrip. "You couldn't see a foot in front of you."

He hollered to see if anyone was in there and when there was no reply he closed the door and called public safety.

The alarm went off on second floor and soon the other alarms went off as well.

Every student slowly climbed out of bed and slowly got dressed to head outside.

As we were all lazily heading down the main stairwell and you could over hear Waldrip yelling.

"Guys, this is not a drill. There is an actual fire! Use the fire exits! Get out of the building now!"

Scanlon Hall's fire alarm was thought to be a drill by many students.

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All of the sudden close to 50 students dispersed in three or four different directions. Residents now wide awake were finally getting the sense of urgency.

It's like the bey who cried wolf. Scanlon Hall has already had three fire drills only one of which was planned by the college.

The alarm goes off and no one feels the need to even pull the bed covers off them until well after they've heard the alarm.

They grunt, moan and swear, grab sweatshirts and keys, lurk in the hallway and wait for ball members to reassure their disgust in getting up.

Once in the DC a sleepy resident told his roommates that they would be trapped if the fire was in their hallway. Then be was informed that there was an exit door about 25 feet from his room.

Whether he was too tired to remember this fact or had no knowledge at all of this door it still lead to the same thing. These boys walked toward the fire to go out the main stairwell. Not exiting the nearest door is not, by any means, entirely the fault of the students. We are told that we cannot exit the doors for fire drills so how are we supposed to know the difference?

As we exited the building even the RA on the first floor watching us leave was clueless to that there was an actual fire in the building. There has to be a better system.

Campus police have closed the men's bathroom and are investigating what they think is a ease of arson. They have also posted a $2,000 reward for any information leading to the perpetrator.

However, you have to think that the bigger question lies in the process Scanlon Hall and other residence buildings has set up. Waldrip and other RA's shouldn't have to encourage students to use the fire exits. This is how horror stories begin.

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Budget cuts happening throughout Massachusetts

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

On October 29, 2009 Governor Deval Patrick declared that he intends to cut nearly 1,000 state jobs in hopes to eliminate the $600 million budget, the globe reported.

The reason for the cuts is because they are trying to make the 2010 fiscal year budget after the state's September tax revenue did not hit their target.

Patrick said he would make cuts in the executive branch of government by $352 million and an additional $75 million to other branches.

Other planned cuts are, according to the Boston Globe: $6 million from payroll and administrative costs at the Department of Revenue, $1.7 million from state parks and recreation, $800,000 in regional economic development grants, $590,063 from storm-water management, $502,026 from a nurses training program, $2.3 million from local tourist councils, $18 million reduction in bus transportation funding for regional school districts, $813,416 from a bioterrorism prevention research program, $2 million from gang prevention grants, and $1.5 million from school-based health programs.

Patrick also announced that he would not touch the local aid, which is the money that cities and towns need to run their schools, police and fire departments, etc.

He said, "We will not cut our record investment in our students and our schools. We will not short-change our children's future."

In addition to the cuts, Patrick asked the Legislature to eliminate two controversial paid holidays, Evacuation Day and Bunker Hill Day, for certain state workers. Tax revenues continue to come in lower than expected and due to that, this is the fourth time Patrick has had to make cuts in the past year.

Michael J. Widmer, executive director of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation said, "There may have to be another round of cuts this year, and there certainly will be major cuts in the fiscal 2011 budget."

Patrick said that in order for the cuts and budget stabilizing to be successful he needs the Legislature to grant him expanded budget-cutting powers and not override any of his proposals, however the Legislature might not agree with Patrick on everything. Certain groups are feeling the hurt of the budget cuts differently. Cuts to human services ended up being $82 million when they expected up to $300 million.

On the other hand, youth violence protection programs' budget has been sliced in half with an additional $2 million taken off. What started last year at a $13 million budget is now $4.5 million.

Whether or not this will work, they are not sure, but they are hoping it will and next year, maybe they won't expect too much out of Massachusetts.

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Winning Team gets $100
Teams of no more than four
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7:00 p.m. - Men's Basketball vs. Curry
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Westfield State College joins Massachusetts in 'sleepout'

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Why are there chalk drawings all over campus that say "350"?

The same students who created these drawings are part of the Leadership Campaign, the organization that facilitates the "sleepouts" on campuses all over Massachusetts.

Their goal is to get the legislature in Massachusetts to vote on a law that aims to keep the carbon dioxide levels below 350 parts per million.

They are all working very hard to accomplish this goal, and as their campaign slogan says, "nothing less than 100%. Nothing more than 350."

Last Monday night, I spoke with a few students who are participating in the "sleepout" on the WSC campus and they discussed with me how they think their campaign is going. They agreed that they want more people on board and hope that more students are willing to join the sleepout.

There have been from 3-9 students sleeping in one tent every night. Each night, the students make calls to the senators and representatives in the Massachusetts legislature in hopes that they will vote on the bill that calls for 100% clean energy.

On November 17th, they will be meeting with Governor Deval Patrick to request that he immediately introduces their bill for 100% clean energy to the Massachusetts Congress before the legislation session ends. Heather Bulis, organizer for the event, said,

Bulis also said that people from all over Massachusetts participate in these "sleepouts" every Sunday night in Boston.

Last weekend, over 100 people slept on the Boston Common for this campaign and the student protesters said that they would like to see more WSC students participating in this weekly event.

The students are all making the sacrifice of sleeping in a nice, warm bed because, as Bulis said, "these are extraordinary circumstances that deserve immediate action."

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6 reasons why LinkedIn is so critical in a job search

1. People can find you. The more people at the second and third degrees of separation the more times you will show up in a search. For example, I have around 500 contacts. However, I am linked to over 5 million people on LinkedIn. When I search for a candidate that is a huge database.

2. LinkedIn will eliminate the need for resume databases on Ladders, Monster, Careerbuilder and other job boards. This is because it costs on average between 5,000 and 10,000 dollars to have access to these resume databases. LinkedIn is free. Why would a recruiter or any company pay that when we can use LinkedIn for free.

3. Resumes databases by the job boards are not pick up by Google or any search engine. These are the ones you want to make sure you show up on. LinkedIn is and you can even improve your search results for as little as $25 a month. (See prior blog article SEO Your Search On Google)

4. It helps you find the people you want an introduction to. This is very powerful. I have helped numerous people with introductions as a result of LinkedIn. On a weekly basis I receive requests indicating they found a person in my connections and would I make an introduction. I always agree.

5. Even when working this is a great tool for resources, customer contacts and introductions, references, service providers and even potential hires for you or your company.

6. On a personal basis it is a great way to stay in-touch with friends, colleagues, prior employees and networking contacts. When you update your profile they will get a notice and likewise when they update theirs.

Source: www.impacthiringsolutions.com

Get to know Westfield State faculty with Q & A

By Debrah Silverman
Layout Editor

Chief Michael Nockunas
Director of Public Safety

What did you do before you became Chief of Public Safety at Westfield State College?
I spent 28 years with the Connecticut State Police, and retired as a Master Sergeant, 2nd in command of the State Police Barracks, where there were 97 State Police personnel. I've spent half my career in uniform and half my career as a plain-clothes sergeant, working in intelligence for homeland security in Connecticut. Prior to that I was in the Marine Core. My whole adult life has been in uniform.

How long have you been at Westfield State College?
Two years

What is your primary function as the Chief of Public Safety?
I oversee a department of 75 people. There are 18 sworn officers that have to attend 19 weeks of State Police Academy. I also over see 10 ISO's – Institutional Security Officers, 32 student security members who drive the shuttle and attend major events at the college. Recently I have begun to oversee the EMS club that is comprised of about 12 students.

What is a typical day like for you?
I have a lot of administrative responsibilities. We are a certified and credited department and need to meet 300 national standards that outline how police stations should be run. We need to meet a certain code of conduct, and I make sure all personnel follow rules and regulations. I also communicate with the city of Westfield and establish work relationships.

What are some of the biggest issues that Westfield State faces on a Public Safety level?

Photo courtesy of wsc.ma.edu
Chief Michael Nockunas

There are three major areas of concern on this campus: alcohol, drugs, and parking. We keep a close watch on the residential halls and have created a program called "Adopt a Hall." An officer is assigned to a hall and goes in periodically during the day and gets together with an ISO to walk the halls, communicating with students.

As I'm sure you know, many students and faculty feel that there is a problem with parking on this campus. Are there any plans to improve this on going issue?
Parking is a no win situation. The only way to change the issue is to make more parking, which is costly. We have enough parking, but students have to walk to and from the parking lots or take the shuttle, and don't want to. If everyone obeyed the rules, it would be an adequate situation.

How was it transitioning from the State Police to an academic setting?
It has been an interesting transition to go from the State Police to an academic world. When I worked with the State Police, everything was black and white, where things at the college are more open. I had to make an adjustment to not look at things like they were black and white.

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Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room 215, no later than 5:30P.M. on Tuesdays before anticipated publication date.

Students prove that voting matters

By Rachel Plumb
Voice Reporter

Photo courtesy of boogiewoogieflu.blogspot.com
Registering to vote will help you make a difference.

The age of eighteen is a milestone, slightly less exciting than twenty-one, but still a milestone. This is because of the seemingly subtle shove in to adulthood.

An eighteen year old can buy cigarettes. An eighteen year old can join the army. An eighteen year old no longer needs their "guardian" to sign various sheets of paper. However, the most important perk of all, of course is that an eighteen year old can vote.

There are those who would tell us that our votes don't mean a thing, but it was the younger people in America who were so vital in President Barack Obama's victory last fall.

The states of Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Florida all had huge impacts made by the staggering number of young people stepping out to use their votes. This was true all across the country.

This winter in Massachusetts, youth voters will be given the chance to show their political power once again when they elect a new senator to fill the seat vacated by the recently deceased Ted Kennedy.

As Kennedy spent his 46 years in the senate fighting for the public interest, which included the education we're all enjoying here at Westfield State College, it is up to us to see that the next senator of Massachusetts can fill the shoes of "The Lion of the Senate."

This election is already very competitive and we need to speak up the same way we did last year.

MASSPiRG is in the process of organizing a number of events for next week to assist everybody in registering to vote as well as acquiring absentee ballots

To get involved and hear more about voting, attend our core meeting on Wednesday at 8:00PM. Our office is located off of the Ely Third World room.

The race for the Senate Seat is really heating up with two strong candidates from both parties. This makes not only the state election on January 19 but also the primary election on December 8 very exciting.

MASSPIRG will be holding tables on campus next week to register students to vote. Make sure to stop by the tables so you can make your voice heard this winter. If you would like to register online, check out studentvote.org.

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Letters to the Editor

Phong Ly
In response to "World rally for climate change action

Editor's Note: The follow is a response to Cory Andros' "World Rally for Climate Change Action" article in the October 30 edition of The Westfield Voice. This letter does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Westfield Voice staff.

After reading your article last week, my friends and I had a "heated" debate on the subject of climate change and the coming conference in Copenhagen. While my friends think that your opinion is wrong, and that your article was a very quick synopsis of a much larger and complex geopolitical and environmental issue, I totally agree with you. So what if the statements you made in your article can be read on the main page of *theleadershipcampaign.org*, or that it is written in a manner that can be comprehended by the literacy of a 5th grader. It is a given that simple works, and simple sentences combined with a simple point of view, really works for getting your point across; Fox news does it, and look what it has done for them. What does it matter if the topic is complex, and has many encompassing factors such as political, social, economical, geographic, and environmental etc, all that matters is that we give simple details about it and let the readers decide for themselves.

Following your example, I say that by visiting a website and reading the contents on them, really qualifies you as being an expert in that field. Just like if you were to visit NASA.gov, you would automatically be qualified as being an expert on Astronomy, and could write an article on Trigonometric Parallax. But nevertheless, there are "naysayers" out there who insist on doing "research" and demand "understanding" of a given subject, as well as reporting it without bias. To them I say shenanigans! If they want to read unbiased and researched news, pick up a copy of the New York Times and don't bother us with your critique of a publicly run campus paper.

However, my friends insisted that global warming and their current objective to address the issue runs deeper than what is stated in the previous article. Therefore I humored them, and interviewed a member of *The Leadership Campaign* Mark B. Cabral, and drilled him with hard-hitting questions. I asked whether or not he felt that the previous awesomely written article did them justice. Mark told me that the reporter did "a poor job of reporting" and did not further his research by talking to students who were involved about the campaign that's on campus.

In response to Mr. Cabral's harsh statement, I would like to lend a hand of professional courtesy and defend Mr. Andro's reporting. Writing an article is hard, and getting the facts is not as easy as it looks. To write an effective article one must spend a good amount of time gathering accurate information and then formulate good ideas to present it. Furthermore, the article would then have to be written eloquently. All of this is fine for a professional journalist, but not for a full time student writing part time for a campus paper. If Mr.Cabral has such a problem with the article and the writer, he needs to bring his grievances to the editor, or do something constructive such as writing the articles himself.

PERSONA

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Student of the Week

Ashlee Benway
Elementary Education
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If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Britney Spears

If you could only watch three televisions shows for the rest of your life, what would they be?
The Real World, because I love reality television, Law and Order: SVU, because it's amazing, and Keeping up with the Kardashian because they are funny.

What's your favorite movie?
It Takes Two.

What would your last meal be?
Chicken fingers and French fries!

What do you plan to do after Westfield?
Hopefully find a teaching job in Connecticut.

What is your favorite material object?
My cell phone

Advertise yourself:
I'm the coolest person ever.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
I'm a part of SNEA and Kappa Delta Pi, I do community service in different elementary schools

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

I have been hearing many complaints about President Obama recently. Some argue that he is incompetent, useless, and that he hasn't done anything noteworthy yet. What are these opinions based on? It is true that the nation is still in a recession with the unemployment rate reaching 10.2% in October. It is also true that the United States is still involved in two wars and that an agreement on health care has not been reached yet.

However, one must look behind those issues to examine the goals that Obama has accomplished and the policies he plans to implement.

First of all, Bush left this country in a mess so Obama is merely picking up the pieces. As far as the economy goes, he signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in February of this year, just a month after he was inaugurated.

The economy is not going to change overnight, not in a month or even a year. It takes a long time to bounce back from economic recessions and the last administration left the economy in shambles. The ARRA needs more time to make a difference.

The first bill that President Obama signed was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, a law that makes it easier to file an equal-pay lawsuit in the case of pay discrimination. If that isn't "doing something," then I don't know what the American people are looking for.

Photo courtesy of timesonline.com
President Obama speaks to a crowd.

The last bill he signed, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act, is a law that shows the U.S. government's commitment to giving treatment to those fighting against AIDS. With these pieces of legislation, he is making a difference that will have a significant impact.

Also, the President can't just sign bills into law that have not gone through Congress first. So, he has to wait for the representatives and senators to battle it out before he can sign anything.

An example would be the health care bill that has been, Obama's big initiative. He is hoping it will pass before the end of the year but still faces strong opposition from the right.

The legislation hasn't passed because Congress, not the president, is still deciding and figuring out the details and provisions of the bill. It is still in the hands of Congress (as it now heads to the Senate) and only when they have reached a compromise can Obama actually sign it into law.

When it comes to foreign policy, although the United States is still involved in two wars, it really has no other option at this point. Obama, however, has set a timetable for American troop withdrawal from Iraq. As for the conflict in Afghanistan, the Obama administration is coming close to a decision about whether or not to send more troops.

Obama has accomplished much more that can't be listed here, like the executive order to close Guantanamo or the executive order removing barriers that impede the responsible research of human stem cells.

Either way, the president (and the government) is not responsible for the daily lives of Americans and people should realize that one man cannot do any of this alone.

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Editor's Desk

I love when holidays plop themselves in the middle of the week. While I didn't have the day off due to my internship, the traffic was minimal, which always makes me quite happy.

Today I was thinking and I realized how interesting it is that everyone has their own definition of "news" or what is newsworthy. Personally, within the paper, I feel that things that affect the students are newsworthy, whether it be club news, campus news or even updates on campus repairs. I'm interested what YOU as a reader of *The Westfield Voice* feel is news. E-mail us what you think it's newsworthy and why and you may get a chance to be published!

That covers it for this edition.
And remember while you're stressing over that paper or test you forgot to study for,
Thanksgiving is just around the corner!

Have a good weekend kids.

Cait Penndorf
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France's nuclear power

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

What's the difference between France and America? Well, a lot, but other than the obvious, there is one thing in particular that separates the two: the air in France is much less polluted than America's.

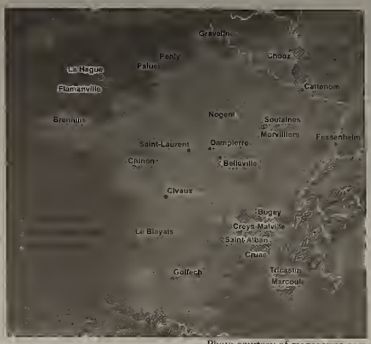
In 2006 the carbon dioxide emissions per capita for the U.S. was 19 million metric tons (ranked 9th worldwide) compared with only 6.2 metric tons in France (59th). That is a *huge* difference. Why such a big gap between two developed countries?

The difference is that France is much more embracing of nuclear power – it is used for almost 80% of their electrical output.

Back in the 1970s, the French government set out to become one of the leaders in nuclear technology since they had a hefty amount of heavy engineering expertise and very few indigenous energy sources.

Thus the nuclear revolution was born and over thirty years later France is mostly energy independent and has the lowest cost of electricity in Europe, thanks to the 59 nuclear reactors that crank out over 430 billion kilowatt hour per year.

They have taken initiative where the U.S. has failed to, mostly because Americans are skeptical about nuclear power – though it's the cleanest resource there is, the waste is very harmful if exposed. There are a decent amount of nuclear energy sources in the U.S. that contribute to around 20% of the total energy output, but are far from being at France's level in terms of nuclear power.



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A topographic map showing France's nuclear power plants.

The major issue is where to put the radioactive waste; the proposed nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada – where the waste would be stored far underground – was abandoned this year, so the U.S. government can devise "a new strategy toward nuclear waste disposal."

France has its own waste management agency, called ANDRA, which conducts research on disposing the nuclear waste.

They currently have an underground rock laboratory in eastern France and are doing research on transmutation so waste can be stored on long-term surface sites after being conditioned.

The Nuclear Materials and Waste Management Program Act was passed in 2006 and declared that underground disposal is the best solution for nuclear waste storage; they hope to have a repository licensed by 2015 and constructed by 2025.

France is a great example of how alternative energy can be beneficial to a nation. If the U.S. ever catches on, who knows? Maybe someday you'll be able to see the sky in Los Angeles.

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Editor's Desk

What a Wednesday! You'd think that the nice weather would hold out for the one day that we have off of school! Of course, that's too much to ask. It's officially cold!

Everyone ready for registration? I strongly think that registration should be at 7PM and not 7AM. There is no reason to be up that early.

I am so ready for Thanksgiving vacation - even though I hate Thanksgiving itself. I think I'm the only person in the world that dislikes turkey and stuffing! :)

Everyone have a good week and goodluck during registration!

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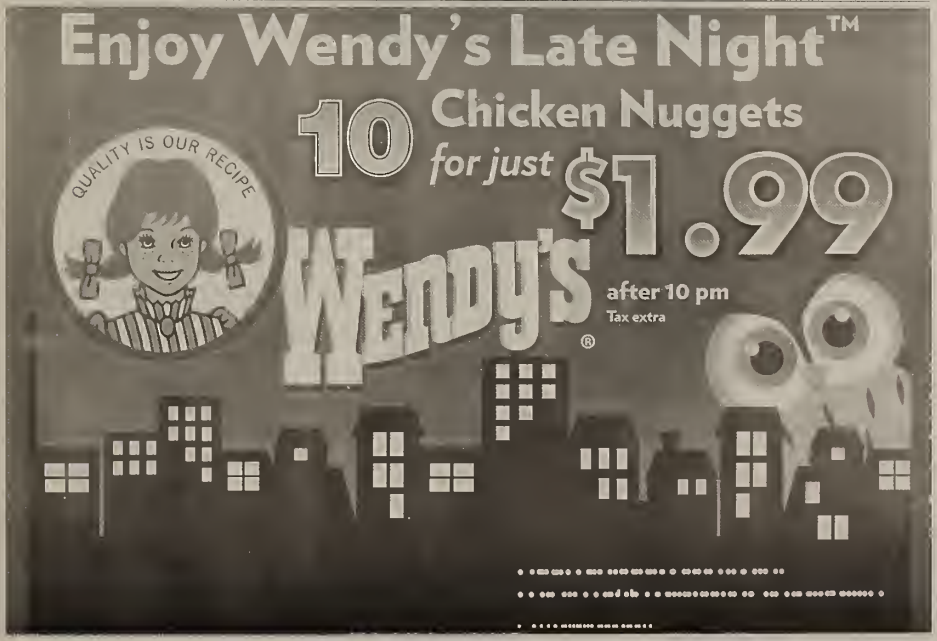

REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

MARSHALL FOOTBALL CRASH

Marshall Football Crash – On November 14th, 1970, Southern Airways flight 932 crashed into a hill short of the Tri-State Airport, killing all 75 on-board. Of those seventy-five, Thirty-seven were members of the Marshall University football team who were returning home after a game in North Carolina.

The crash, deemed "unsurvivable" by the NTSB, is the worst sports-related disaster in our nations history. The NTSB said the crash was the result "of a descent below Minimum Descent Altitude during a nonprecision approach under adverse operating conditions, without visual contact with the runway environment." The incident inspired the 2006, film *We are Marshall*, which chronicled the rebuilding of the program and the surrounding community. Today, there ate two permanent memorials to the team, one at the crash site and one at Fairfield Stadium, where the Thundering Herd played home games from 1927 until 1990.

Marshall Football

MARTIN SCORSESE

Few people have ever had the kind of impact on their field the way Martin Scorsese has the film industry.

Scorsese's resume boasts 21 feature films which have amassed a combined 64 Oscar nominations and fifteen wins, including 9 combined from his two most recent films, The Departed and The Aviator.

He has also directed several documentries and short films which have received their share of acclaim as well. Scorsese is perhaps best known for his 1990 look at the life of gangster Henry Hill in Good-Fellas, though he has also directed such classics like Raging Bull (1980), Taxi Driver (1976), Casino (1995), The Color of Money (1986) and most recently,

Martin Scorsese

The Departed in 2006, for which he finally took home Oscar gold for his work behind the camera. Scorsese was named 2nd best director of all time by Total Film Magazine in 2007.

NEIL YOUNG

Throughout the late 60's and early 70's, Neil Young provided the voice of a generation. As a member of Buffalo Springfield, Crazy Horse, CSNY and as a solo artist, Young wrote songs which reached many people on a different level.

His songs often times touched on hot button issues and/or openly challenged iostitutioo which seemed to be the way to the heart for most forward-thinking young people of the time. Young's contribution to the music world is uodeniable. The Canadian-born singer is twice over a member of the rock and roll hall of fame, once as a solo artist and again as a member of Buffalo Springfield. Young continues to perform now into his 60's, continuing to play Farm Aid concerts (which he co-founded in 1985) and other benefits. He also continues to be an out-spoken activist for many issues as well as keeping to a modest schedule of shows and public appearances each year.

Neil Young

A box of confusion

By Brianna Capen
Voice Reporter

"Synopsis: What if someone gave you a box containing a button that, if pushed, would bring you a million dollars…but simultaneously take the life of someone you don't know?

Would you do it?

And what would be the consequences?

The year is 1976. Norma Lewis is a teacher at a private high school and her husband, Arthur, is an engineer working at NASA.

They are, by all accounts, an average couple living a normal life in the suburbs with their young son… until a mysterious man with a horribly disfigured face appears on their doorstep and presents Norma with a life-altering proposition: the box.

With only 24 hours to make their choice, Norma and Arthur face an impossible moral dilemma.

What they don't realize is that no matter what they decide, terrifying consequeoces will have already been set in motion.

They soon discover that the ramificatioos of this decision are beyond their control and extend far beyond their own fortune and fate. –© Warner Bros [rottentomatoes.com]"

In all honesty, I had high hopes for this movie.

The previews were interesting and provoked thoughts of morality and humanity.

Every time it appeared before me I'd think, "Would *I* push the button for a million dollars?" And, of course, I'd answer, "No."

I could not knowingly kill another human being, even if I didn't know them personally.

So, I spent my Friday evening, wondering, "Could this seemingly normal husband and wife push that button? Does Cameron Diaz have the guts to kill someone?"

Photo courtesy of alexhluch.files.wordpress.com
Cameron Diaz and James Marsden stared in The Box.

Photo courtesy of iwatchstuff.com
The Box

But, as I watched and watched and . . . well, *watched* this atrociously long movie, it became apparent that, that was not the only question running through my mind.

Soca, I was so confused and befuddled that questions turned into frustration and frustration turned to confusion which constantly had me asking "WTF?!"

And yes, I said it out loud in the movie theatre, only to have someone answer back, "Seriously! WTF?!"

The director, Richard Kelly, was obviously trying to create a thought-provoking film. He touches on morality, humility, sacrifice, religion, humanity, and mortality, but that's the problem.

Instead of focusing on one subject he tries to tackle all of life's philosophical questions.

Thus, leaving viewers dazed and confused (with a touch of a migraine as even the most educated try to wrap their brains around what just occurred.)

Bottom Line: I like a film that makes you think as much as the next person, but when informatioo is scattered and broken, there isn't anything to figure out, except that I should have saved my ten bucks and bought a ticket to *Zombieland*.

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Campus Announcements

Dance Club Peformance
Friday, November 13
@ 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 14
@ 3:00 p.m.
Dever Stage

Third World Step Team Dance
Ely Main Lounge
Saturday, November 14
@ 10:00 p.m.

Movie Night in Ely!
Saturday, November 14 @ 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 15 @ 8:30 p.m.
Ely Campus Center

Monday Night Jazz Night
Every Monday Night
Ely Main Lounge
7:30 p.m.

Speaker Series:
Bowzer's R' n R' Party
Saturday, November 21 at
7:30 p.m.
Woodward Center
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A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Albums
1. Michael Jackson's This is It
2. Creed - Full Circle
3. Taylor Swift - Fearless
4. Rod Stewart - Soulbook
5. Trans-Siberian Orchestra - Night Castle
6. Sting - If On a Winter's Night...
7. Michael Buble - Crazy Love
8. The Twilight Saga: New Moon
9. Tim McGraw - Southern Voice
10. Jay-Z - The Blueprint 3

Top 10 Singles
1. Jason DeRulo - Wateha Say
2. Owl City - Fireflies
3. Jay-Z + Alicia Keys - Empire State of Mind
4. Jay Sean - Down
5. Miley Cyrus - Party in the USA
6. Lady Gaga - Paparazzi
7. Jay-Z, Rihanna, Kanye West - Run This Town
8. Britney Spears - 3
9. Lady Gaga - Bad Romance
10. Taylor Swift - Jump then Fall

Top Movies
1. Disney's A Christmas Carol
2. Michael Jackson's This Is It
3. The Men Who Stare at Goats
4. The Fourth Kind
5. Paranormal Activity

Upcoming Album Releases
1. 50 Cent - Before I Self Destruct
2. John Mayer - Battle Studies
3. Lady Gaga - Fame Monster
4. Lil Wayne - Rebirth
5. Timbaland - Shock Value 2

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Star Trek
2. Bruno
3. Angels & Demons
4. The Maiden Heist
5. Four Christmases

Upcoming Video Games
1. Assassin's Creed II
2. Tony Hawk: Ride
3. The Saboteur
4. Guitar Hero: Van Halen
5. Stoked: Big Air Edition

Upcoming Rock Band downloadable content
1. SpongeBob SquarePants 3-pack: A Day Like This, Employee of the Month, Ridin' the Hook ($0.99 each)
2. White Stripes 3-pack: Dead Leaves and the Dirty Ground, Girl You Have No Faith In Medicine, Icky Thump
3. The Damned - Smash It Up (Part II)
4. Kasbian - Club Foot

Beatles Rock Band November Content
Sgt Pepper's Lonely Heart Club Band
Date not yet announced

Guitar Hero 5 Content
Kiss 3-pack: I Was Made for Lovin' You, Lick It Up, Modern Day Delilah

DJ Hero Content
David Guetta 3-pack: When Love Takes Over (ft. Kelly Rowland), Sexy Bitch (ft. Akon), On the Dance Floor (ft. will.i.am and apl.de.ap)

Time Machine

This week in Music History

by Franny Zupancic
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Monty Python
Monty Python Sings
1989

Unless you've been living under a rock, you have probably seen classic comedic masterpieces released by British comedy group Monty Python (Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, and Michael Palin) like "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," "Monty Python and the Meaning of Life," and "Monty Python and the Life of Brian." If you have seen these witty theatric gems, you are probably familiar with songs like "Knights of the Round Table," "Every Sperm is Sacred," and "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life," from each movie, respectively.

In 1989, these songs--and twenty-two others--were released on "Monty Python Sings. Serving as sort of a "best-of" of the music of Monty Python movies and skits, this album is a perfect way to introduce yourself to the comedic genius of Cleese and Co.

Comedy has come a long way through the years, but I believe Monty Python is still unparalleled. This greatest hits-style compilation also includes tracks from the 1980 album "Monty Python's Contractual Obligation Album." "Contractual Obligation" was named due to it actually being a contractual oblication to Charisma Records as a final album.

Where are they now?

Graham Chapman passed away in 1989, so there are no chances of a full reunion. When asked about a reunion, Eric Idle, in true Monty Python fashion, answered: "just as soon as Graham Chapman comes back from the dead; we're talking to his agent about terms.

In addition, there are bad feelings within the group that put a halt to reunion possibilities. On the DVD release of "Meaning of Life," the group included a sketch featuring a deliberately poorly-produced reunion using green screen effects.

Sporadic non-performing reunions have taken place, however. In 2005, the group appeared on stage at the premier of "Spamalot," Eric Idle's musical based on "Holy Grail." In 2009, the group reunited to receive an award from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts and to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

On October 27 2009, "Monty Python: Almost the Truth (The Lawyers Cut)" was released to DVD. "Almost the Truth" is a documentary showing the lives of each member from birth to present, and includes archived footage of Graham Chapman. The surviving five members all contributed interviews, making it the first time in over thirty years that they have all contributed to a project together. It also includes interviews from performers influenced by the group ranging from British comedian Russell Brand to Bruce Dickinson, lead singer of British heavy metal band Iron Maiden.

Monty Python - Monty Python Sings 20th Anniversary

Kate tells all in tear-filled interview

By Samantha Fahey
General Editor

Last Monday, instead of a show about her kids experiencing things other parents could only dream of doing with their own children, Kate Gosselin sat down with Natalie Morales of NBC news and spilled her guts - and tears - about things that have been happening recently in her life.

Morales was quick to judge and seemed as though she was grilling Kate rather than interviewing her, but Kate held her own - to a point - and answered every question that was thrown at her. Kate talked at length about how lonely she feels saying, "When you look around and very close, trusted people you'd swear on your life would never 'cash you in,' for lack of better words, when people leave your house and tell completely different stories, you tend not to trust people."

Even her own brother sold her out, saying that, "Kate is big on delegating all of her housewife duties to others so she can focus on book tours, speaking engagements and promoting the show."

Emotions were swarming when asked about her own parents, who she only keeps in contact with through email. She says that they are no longer a part of her kid's lives, which happened before the show even started because, "Everybody has an opinion, and sometimes those opinions aren't mine."

As for her contact with Jon, it is now limited to, "texting... notes... phone calls, only where it relates to the kids."

Courtesy of theblemish.com
Kate Gosselin out with one of her daughters.

To those who insist that the show killed her marriage, she answers, "Had we never done the show, it would have been me a nurse, him in I.T., and that would have gotten the better of us even sooner." After clips of scenes where Kate speaks harshly toward Jon, she states, "I was very hard on him," "and I would not deny that... It was how we related always."

She only flashed anger once, when asked about the rumors of infidelity with her bodyguard, to which she responded, "It is so unthinkable to me that to have to think about it makes me sick. If you're around me long enough, you're going to get sucked into the tabloid garbage. And then, on top of that, to have it be Jon that starts it, that fans it into this huge tabloid nightmare, is disgusting."

The next topic was on Jon's accusations that doing the show is "detrimental" to the kids, to which Kate responded, "There's no hurting the kids. All I can tell you is the kids miss the crew, the kids miss filming, the kids miss the trips, they miss the opportunities, they miss the fun that we had. I do too... It opened up a world of opportunities that we otherwise wouldn't have had, could not have had."

She also said that being on television is a financial necessity, "It has become our primary source of income. At this point, I can't go back." She said that the hardest part is being awake in the middle of the night thinking, "Am I making the best decision?"

As for continuing the show, she replied, "I don't know. I hope to be able to film in the future with the kids. If not with the kids, I hope to be able to continue on with TLC. If that means a show just with myself, if that can be worked out, I would love to do it."

Next, Morales held up a tabloid cover with the headline "Mom to Monster," which showed before and after pictures of Kate.

"I put myself in a reality show," she replied, "but I did not do anything different that would cause me to end up on tabloids."

When asked why she doesn't say "I'm done" now, Kate replied that that would prompt five more cover stories speculating why she had dropped from the public eye. "We did four seasons without paparazzi," said Kate. "They found a story line that suited them."

Morales then asked if Kate still loves Jon. "A part of me always will," she replied. "It's hard to be married to somebody for 10 years and try to say I don't love them anymore...I love the memories that we have together, of the good times."

On hopes for the future, "I would love to get to a point where he can put his anger aside," Kate said. "I don't think the anger in me is as raw as it once was, and I would love to be able to get to a point where we could converse like two adults, even if it only had to do with the kids...I'm sure we'll get there."

Kate remains by her stance that everything she does is for her eight children, "It doesn't matter what I have to do. I'm from the school of hard work. My kids deserve life served to them on a gold platter."

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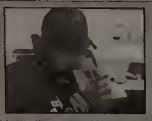
From the cheap seats

By: Matt Castonguay



The World Series is over, the Yankees are Champions again and the best part of the major league baseball is just starting; the off-season.

Few things are more enjoyable than the MLB off-season. If you're a baseball fan like me, odds are you love checking rotowire, espn.com, mlb.com and/or any other media outlet where you get your baseball information.

This year, there has already been a flurry of moves since the final pitch of the World Series. We've found out where Brandon Webb is going (nowhere, as Arizona picked up his option for 2010) as well as Cliff Lee (again, nowhere. Philly picked up his option for 2010.).

The Twins dealt OF Chris Gomez to the Brewers for SS J.J. Hardy, the Angels re-uped with OF Bobby Abreu, a move I particularly liked, and the White Sox bought out the contract of OF Jermaine Dye; Obviously, a hot start to (arguably) the best part of Major League Baseball.

This year's free-agent class is one of the best in recent memory, not to mention some of the players with one year remaining on their contract, which could be moved like San Diego's Adrian Gonzalez. Some of big names on that list include Nick Johnson, Adam LaRoche, Mark De Rosa, Miguel Cabrera, Matt Holliday, Johnny Damon, Manny Ramirez (player option), Xavier Nady, Vladimir Gurrero, Hideki Matsui, Rich Harden, Pedro Martinez, Tim Hudson (mutual option), John Lackey, J.J. Putz an Billy Wagner, just to name a few.

Since I love so much to handicap/bet on/ make predictions about the sports world, I'm going to take a stab at where some of these guys will end up.

Matt Holliday – The Cardinals went out and traded for Holliday mid-season and he proved to quite the asset to the Red Birds during their run to the post season. Once they reached the post season, however, Holliday just didn't show up. He made a costly error in game two, shifting the momentum back to the Dodgers who never looked back. I think Holliday ends up back in St. Louis. I really do. I could see him ending up in New York with the Yankees if they don't re-sign Damon. I could also see the Red Sox going after him, but I doubt he'll end up there. St. Louis knows they need to have protection for Pujols in that order to be successful and Holliday provides that. If Holliday walks, they face the issue of having to spend more money on a free agent or rely on Ryan Ludwick to protect Albert.

While Ludwick has put up decent numbers the last two years, he is nowhere near the hitter that Holliday is. The Cardinals saw how good they were with him during the stretch run and I'll venture a guess they don't want to go back to where they were pre-Matt Holliday.

Hideki Matsui – Fresh off World Series MVP honors for the Yankees, Matsui, 36, will probably not be re-signed by the Yankees. At the moment, Matsui is little more than a platoon OF/DH and won't command a huge contract in the market. The Yankees will be busy trying to re-sign Damon and making runs at Holliday and others and won't make an effort to bring Matsui back. My guess is that Matsui ends up in Seattle where he'll be teammates with Japanese import Ichiro. Matsui will likely replace Ken Griffey, Jr. as the teams DH if Griffey retires as is expected. He'll likely see a little time in the OF but not much, as he is no longer the fielder he used to be and the M's really have no use for him out there.

Rich Harden – Harden is an interesting character. For years it has been known that he has some of the best stuff in baseball. He should be on the wish list of just about every team in baseball. He is not because he's struggled mightily with injury since his time in Oakland. Harden started 26 games for the Cubs in 2009, but from 2005 until 2007, He made only 38 starts. My guess is that Rich Harden ends up in the Bronx. If not there, I could see a mid-market team taking a chance on him hoping he stays healthy. I'd love to see him in Tampa, but I doubt they'll spend the money. Harden made $7 million last year and will likely command somewhere in that neighborhood this year. The only team that can really afford to make a $7 million roll of the dice is the New York Yankees. If Harden gets hurt, the Yanks can write it off; if he stays healthy, it'll be a case of the rich only getting richer.

Manny Ramirez – Manny is going to stay in Los Angeles. If anything, the Dodgers resume their search for a suitor for Juan Pierre. Pierre filled in nicely for Manny during his steroid suspension and then went back onto the shelf. Now they'll try to trade him, probably to an American League team looking for some speed.

Billy Wagner – Wagner missed the first half of 2009 with an injury but came back to throw a bit for the Red Sox. The Sox agreed not to pick up his option for 2010 making him a free agent. Wagner still thinks he can close full-time for a contender (ehhhhh…I don't know..) and intends to close for a contender. Problem is, there aren't too many teams looking for a 38 year-old closer. Not to mention, the Dodgers (Broxton), Rockies (Street), Cardinals (Franklin), Phillies (Lidge?), Red Sox (Papelbon), Yankees (Rivera), Angels (Fuentes) and Twins (Nathan) all have established, solid closers. There aren't too many contenders who are interested in him. I think Tampa could take a chance on him. I could also see him in Chicago with the White Sox. I don't think he'll hate too many suitors unless he backs off his stance about being the closer and the only closer some place, but he will certainly find a home. Even at his age, he is still a solid arm out of the pen.

And for now, I'm about out of room for this week. There are a few other big names out there and it'll be interesting to see where they end up and like me I'm sure you will all be watching with me. I'm already excited for next year. Just think, Spring Training is a mere one hundred twenty-eight days away.

Celtics win a close one in Minnesota

By Robert McGinnity
Voice Reporter

The 19,133 fans at the Target Center saw a game go right down to the wire Wednesday night, as the Celtics beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 92-90.

The Celtics didn't have a good first half, trailing by 5 after the first quarter and by 8 at half time.

However, Boston came out firing on all cylinders as they outscored the T-Wolves 31-23 in the third quarter, making the game tied going into the fourth.

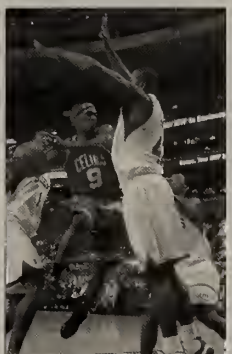
The game went right down to the wire as Kevin Garnett made a great defensive play in the closing seconds of the game that led to a jump ball.

KG then tipped the ball out to Rondo and he knocked it out of bounds securing the win, and allowing the Celtics to get to 6-0 on the season, and also leaving Minnesota at a measly (1-4).

This game showed Boston's toughness down the stretch during a close game.

That will be valuable experience as the regular season progresses and overflows into the playoffs, if the C's keep up at the pace they're going.

All five starters ended up in double-digit points, with KG adding 11 rebounds. The Celtics' bench outscored the T-Wolves bench 25-18. Boston's depth and talent with their bench this year has been prevalent thus far.



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Rajon Rondo penetrated the defense and looked to dish around Elton Brand.

With the starters playing as the stars they are and the bench playing like they have been, this is going to be a very hard team to beat come playoff time.

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WSC Roundup: Women's soccer

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Westfield's women's soccer and volleyball teams were both crowned MASCAC champions last Saturday. The women's soccer team won their second straight MASCAC tournament championship with a 3-1 win over MCLA to improve to 16-1-2 on the season. Freshman Colleen Bazinet scored the Owls' first goal and senior Meg Gearin, the MASCAC regular season MVP, broke a 1-1 tie with a goal of her own. Tournament MVP Kate MacLellan had 2 assists and senior Colleen Kenney added a late goal to seal the 3-1 win. The team will head to New York tomorrow to take on the University of Rochester at 5:00 p.m. in the first round of the NCAA Division III national tournament.

The women's volleyball team (19-15) took a 3 set to 1 victory over Bridgewater State in the championship game of the MASCAC tournament to earn its first ever bid in the NCAA Division III tournament. Sophomore setter Kerin DeGirolamo had an impressive 43 assists for the Owls and sophomore Alex Shaw added 12 kills. The team will take on the University of Massachusetts Boston in the first round of the eight-team New England bracket of the Division III tournament.

The men's soccer team (9-8-2) came very close to making it three champions in one day, but fell just short and took a tough 1-0 loss to Salem State in the MASCAC championship game. The Owls played strong defense and goalie Lucas Dexter had 5 saves, but Salem was able to score a goal in the 78th minute to take a 1-0 lead and Westfield was unable to even the score. But the Owls season is not over, as the team earned a bid in the ECAC New England Division III Tournament and will host Anna Maria College in the first round.

The WSC football team won its fifth straight game and captured the MASCAC regular season championship with a 33-16 win over Worcester State last Saturday. The team improved to 7-3 overall with the win but ended the season just a win short of qualifying to play in the New England Football Conference Championship Game. Quarterback Kyle Anderson led the Owls with three touchdowns on 172 yards passing and Steve Skribiski rushed for 114 yards. The win marked the end of a very good year for the MASCAC Champion Owls even though they were unable to make it to the NEFC championship.

The winter sports season at Westfield is also beginning, and the men and women's basketball teams will both tip off the 2009 season this Sunday at the Woodward Center. The women's team will face U-Mass Dartmouth at 1:00 p.m. and the men's team will take on Curry College at 3:00 p.m. The men's ice hockey team began its season with a 5-4 win over Western New England College in the Falcons Cup Game on November 6th. Freshman Lucas Romero scored a goal with 11.6 seconds remaining to give the Owls the victory. Westfield's women's swim team began its season with 161-130 victory over Simmons College and a third place finish in the Wellesley Invitational Relays.

Check back next week to see how Westfield's teams faired in their NCAA Division III tournament games.

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Larry Johnson

A timeout with Teresa

By Teresa Dollfuss
Voice Reporter

This past week running back Larry Johnson was cut from the Kansas City Chiefs. They stated that they were fed up with his off the field antics.

Personally, I saw this as a long time coming. When I first heard of his Twitter incident two weeks ago, I figured that his release was coming at the end of his suspension. Anyone who had him on their fantasy team now suffers the loss of a good running back.

For those that don't know, Johnson posted insults to fans, questioned Coach Todd Haley's credentials, and used a gay slur on his Twitter account on October 25th. He also repeated the gay slur the next day to reporters. This incident caused the two week suspension that Johnson was on until this past week.

Johnson has been at the center of controversy multiple times with coaches and fans. I remember watching him when he played in college for Penn State and thinking that he was an awesome running back. Then I heard about his off the field attitude, and knew it was going to get him in trouble someday.

Honestly, I think the Chiefs did the right thing by releasing him. Players that cause a lot of controversy off the field also bring it into the locker room. A team shouldn't have to deal with insane controversy while trying to focus on winning.

The interesting thing now will be to see if any team picks up Johnson. Yes, he is a talented running back, but will anyone want to deal with his poor attitude?

If I were a coach, I wouldn't want to deal with him. It's hard enough to coach a team to win, let alone have to deal with insubordinate player on the team.

All of this controversy around Johnson the past few weeks has reminded me of the controversy that Terrell Owens has caused in the past.

Disclaimer to all those teams that may be interested in Johnson's services: be prepared for difficulties. If he created such controversy before, it's entirely possible that it will happen again.

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Celtics embarrass 76ers in blowout

By Robert McGinnity
Voice Reporter

The Boston Celtics took on the Philadelphia 76ers sporting throwback jerseys Tuesday night, and Boston did not disappoint. Despite a slow start by both teams, the Celtics ended up winning 105-74.

Perkins had a weak performance, leading fans as well as myself wondering why Rasheed Wallace didn't start in his place. "Sheed" had a monster game, as he shot 6-8 from three point land and ended up with 20 points.

I guess you could argue that Perkins is more of a "5"or center player, where as Wallace is more of a "4", meaning he is more of a shooter.

The Celtics went on a 9-0 run in the last 1:30 of the first quarter. Rondo ended the first quarter with a "Larry Bird type behind the backboard shot" over a bigger defender. The score at half time was 44-36.

After half time is where the Celtics really turned it on. They stepped up their game by holding Philly scoreless for the first 3 minutes of the second half.

Rondo showed flashes of quickness with great drives and steals. However, on one play he got the ball stolen and didn't bother to chase after it, which disappointed me.

Eddie House came off the bench and hit some big 3's. Rasheed and Eddie at one point seemed to be making 3's at will.

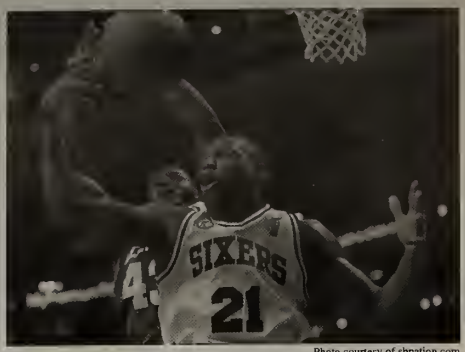

Photo courtesy of sbnation.com
The Celtics beat the 76ers Tuesday night.

The Celtics defense was stellar, holding the 76ers to a mere 74 points. Scalabrine saw some minutes in this game, which is a catalyst of a blow out. You don't see "Scal" in the game unless the Celtics are crushing their opponent.

It is always a fan favorite to see Scal on the floor because he epitomizes what you think an athlete isn't. He appears to be overweight, goofy, and unathletic, but time and time again Scal goes into the game and hits a 3 pointer causing fans to go nuts.

Most of the starters didn't play much due to the circumstances of the game, but Pierce and Rondo scored in double digits. The bench played extremely well, scoring 62 of the Celtics' 105 points.

If the Celtics keep up at this rate they could make a nice run at 82-0. The next game is against the Minnesota Timberwolves with former star Al Jefferson.

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Pats off bye with divisional win over Dolphins

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

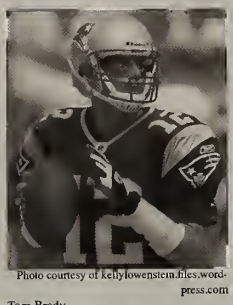
Coming off a week that saw the Patriots idle, New England got right back to its winning ways with a 27-17 victory over the Miami Dolphins last Sunday. Tom Brady led the Patriots with 332 passing yards and one touchdown, while Laurence Maroney added 82 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries. New England now holds a comfortable two game lead over the New York Jets atop the AFC East, and a three game lead over the Dolphins and Buffalo Bills.

Miami kept New England's defense on its heels all day, using two quarterbacks, their trademarked Wildcat offense, and even having running back Ronnie Brown throw for a touchdown pass. But the trickery and gimmicks failed in the end, as the Patriots defense buckled down in the fourth quarter to solidify the divisional win.

"Miami made some plays, we made a few more and it's good to win that one," coach Bill Belichick stated after the game. "It's a big division win. Miami is 3-0 in the division coming into this game, so that was a huge win for us."

The play of the game for New England came late in the third quarter. Following a 10-minute Miami scoring drive that ended with Brown throwing a touchdown pass to give the Dolphins a 17-16 lead, Brady found Randy Moss in stride for a short pass across the middle.

But Moss turned the short pass into much more by throwing rookie cornerback Vontae Davis to the ground with a monster stiff-arm and then sprinting the rest of the way to the end zone for a 71-yard touchdown.



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Tom Brady

"That's like getting stabbed in the heart right there," said Patriots guard Logan Mankins. "You grind it out for like 10 minutes and finally score, and then in like a minute and a half we come right back."

The play took the wind right out of the Dolphins sails and ended their hopes of an upset. The Pats added a two-point conversion when Brady hit Moss once again to extend the lead to 24-17. Stephen Gostkowski added a late field goal to seal the 27-17 win. The ten point win didn't come easily though, as the gimmicks of the Dolphins' wildcat attack gave New England's defense fits early on. Down 10-3 in the second quarter, Miami put in rookie quarterback Pat White to lead an option attack that confused the Patriots defense. His first run went for 33 yards to take Miami into New England territory. Ricky Williams finished the drive by taking an option-pitch from White 15 yards for a touchdown to tie the game at 10-10.

"We just didn't play the option very well," Belichick said. "We worked on it and then it happened probably a little faster than we practiced it, and once we got it adjusted, I thought they did a good job. We knew they were going to throw some new stuff at us like they always do - gadget plays and stuff like that. That's part of their offense; they do a good job on those."

But Gostkowski added two second quarter field goals to give New England a 16-10 halftime lead.

Miami got the ball to start the half and Brown's pass to Joey Haynos gave them a 17-16 lead. But it was Moss and the Patriots that had the last laugh as his 140th receiving touchdown (ties him for second place all time with Terrell Owens) put New England on top for good. Moss almost had another touchdown in the first quarter, as he pulled down a great one-handed catch, but was ruled down at the one yard line. Maroney finished off the drive with a one-yard TD run to give New England its first score of the game.

"I thought we obviously played good enough to win and made some plays when we needed to," Brady said after the game. "I was hoping our execution would be a little bit better, but it's a good win against a good team and a team that always plays us pretty tough."

The Pats won't be able relish in their victory for long, as they hit the road this Sunday to take on the undefeated Indianapolis Colts (8-0).

"You can't go out there and play your B game, because you won't beat those guys," Brady said. "They're good. They run it, they throw it, they have very good special teams, so we've got to match them."

The game will kickoff at 8:20 p.m. and can be seen in the Ely Campus Center.

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Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You'll probably be a little more inclined to just want to stay at home this week rather than go out and get into too much trouble. But don't worry, you ought to be feeling a lot more sociable again over the next few days.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You should be aware that you might not be able to do everything just the way you'd like this week. You could find others a little irritating at the moment, and your most important relationships could really be under a bit of stress right now.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You've probably been a bit overwhelmed with quite a few different issues lately. And whatever you find yourself having to deal with this week, there could be a little tension and some misunderstandings could easily develop.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Since you might be feeling a little protective of the people around you right now, you might be willing to indulge them a bit. Just try to avoid getting carried away when it comes to spending your money this week. Also be aware that some romantic plans might not end up going quite the way you'd like at the moment.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You could be feeling a little sensitive this week, and this could cause a few problems around the house right now. Try to take the time required to resolve any issues at home or with your family before the day is through.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
People might not really get what you're saying and could end up walking away with a very different impression than you had intended this week. If you can't get your point across clearly, you could really trip yourself up.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
If your friends want you to go along with some of their plans this week, you might not be too fond of some of their ideas. But don't worry, you ought to be feeling eager to get back in the swing of things and start joining in on the fun again over the next few days.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Just realize that certain responsibilities may be demanding a great deal of your attention and you might not be able to do exactly what you'd like this week. You might be feeling somewhat driven and a little impatient at the moment.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
Whatever you're called upon to do this week, you'll probably end up having to spend most of your time dealing with other people's needs right now. But remember to watch what comes out of your mouth, and try not to do too much complaining if you can help it.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
You could be in a somewhat sociable frame of mind at the moment. But if you have any ideas about how you might like to enjoy yourself, your partner might not be too happy about what you have in mind right now.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You may be feeling a little quiet and withdrawn and might be inclined to want to keep certain things to yourself this week. You've probably been feeling uncertain about some relationship issues and are a little afraid of expressing yourself at the moment.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
There will probably be an awful lot that you'll have to deal with at this time, and you might find yourself feeling somewhat burdened by all the obligations placed on you right now.

Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Ice Cream Cone Cupcakes

Ingredients
1 package dry cake mix (any flavor)
24 cake cup ice cream cones
water, oil and eggs as directed by the cake mix box

Steps
Preheat oven to 350F.
Mix cake mix per directions on box.
(If you are using a white cake mix, you can divide mix into four separate mixing bowls and use food coloring to make different ice cream colors)
Place ice cream cones in muffin pan and fill about 1/2 to 3/4 full.
Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until done.
Cool on a wire rack.
Let cool completely if frosting.
Makes 18 to 24 cupcakes
ENJOY!

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Wednesday 11/18	High 48 Low 31		Showers
Thursday 11/19	High 58 Low 41		Mostly Sunny

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Westfield pool scheduled to open after Thanksgiving break

By Caitlin Penndorf
Editor-in-Chief

Westfield State College continues to improve.

The swimming pool, which has been closed since Spring semester, 2009, is scheduled to reopen after Thanksgiving break.

The pool has undergone some big changes since last year.

If you've looked into the pool area while sipping coffee at Jazzman's lately, you'll have seen the staging that's overtaken the pool.

According to an e-mail from Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Operations, Curt Robie, "the new anti-vortex drains required by new federal and state legislation have been installed in the floor of the pool. Repairs to the filtration system have also been 95% completed."

While improvements are usually welcome, there is one group on campus who feels the changes have been more of a burden. This group is the Westfield State College Swim Team.

Photo courtesy of westfieldowls.com

The Women's swim team will be able to return to the WSC pool now that repairs have been made.

According to an article written by Jen Atkins last semester for the Westfield State College Athletics website, the swim team was split up around Western Mass for practices. Some divers had to head over to Springfield College, and other members of the team had to utilize pools at the Westfield Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA and Westfield High School.

"We all feel the affects of our pool being shut down. We have gotten our hopes up for the reopening for about three months now. Not having a pool on campus has really hurt our team as a whole, now we are two separate teams who just come together on Saturdays to compete together," said senior swim team member Jenn Butler.

According to Robie's e-mail, a structural crack unveiled itself while working on the old lighting over the pool, which pushed back the completion of the pool that was originally scheduled for the end of September 2009.

While Butler feels the pool closing has made things more difficult, she's has optimistic thoughts about the future.

"Swimming and diving are on one team. I do not see the dive team for the whole week until Saturday when we have meets. Shutting the pool down has torn this team apart into different pools and different times, maybe now we can be a team again," said Butler.

Other improvements to the pool include a new pool liner, repairs to the deck tile and new pool trains, amongst other repairs.

Massachusetts State Senate race showcases eclectic mix of candidates

By Kevin Feeney
Voice Reporter

On December 8, 2009, the people of Massachusetts will take the first step in selecting the next Massachusetts Senator in a primary election.

Voters will cast their ballots in partisan primaries and the result will be a democratic and republican candidate contending for the open senate seat.

The general election is scheduled for January 19, 2010.

The seat was vacated on August 25 of this year when Edward M. Kennedy, who served the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Senator for 46 years, died after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Gov. Deval Patrick selected Paul Kirk, who served as an aide to Kennedy, to fill the seat until a special election could be held. Kirk said he will not run for the seat this winter.

Voters will certainly have an array of candidates to choose from. The loss of Kennedy, known as the "lion of the Senate" presented a rare opportunity in Massachusetts: an open US Senate seat.

The eclectic mix of candidates vying for the democratic nomination include the Attorney General, an NBA franchise owner, a current US Congressman, and a non-profit entrepreneur.

These candidates are Martha Coakley, Massachusetts Attorney General, Michael Capuano, a US representative, Steve Pagliuca, co-owner of the Celtics, and Alan Khazei, an entrepreneur and co-founder of City Year.

The democrats look to bring many of the same ideals to the Senate that Kennedy did, such as healthcare reform.

The Republican field is less crowded and consists of a current State Senator as well as a businessman who unsuccessfully ran against Kennedy in the past.

They are Scott Brown, a State Senator and former Army JAG officer, and Jack E. Robinson, a business man and lawyer.

Brown is the father of former American Idol star, Ayla Brown, and the believed front-runner for the Republican Party.

Robinson has run for political seats in the past but has been unsuccessful.

Although appearing to be a somewhat lackluster race by many, this special election is a very important one not only for the state, but also for the nation.

The Healthcare Reform Bill has passed in the House of Representatives and debate has now moved to the Senate.

It is uncertain when a vote will take place.

When it does, the next Massachusetts Senator could make or break the Healthcare Reform Bill.

The democrats, who are most in favor of the bill, need 60 votes for the legislation to pass. Currently, the democrats control 60 out of the 100 Senate seats. The vote is predicted to be 60-40 (the bare minimum) in favor of passing the legislation. If debate goes long enough, past January 19, the next Massachusetts Senator will have the deciding vote on the bill.

Additionally, votes on the final passage won't be likely for some time as the different versions must be debated in the conference committee.

Not all of the democrats in the race will vote for the health bill to pass if elected to the Senate.

Martha Coakley spurred controversy among party members when she stated that she will not vote for the current bill because of the section that prohibits public insurance payments for abortion procedures.

Elections like this one do not come around very often. Our country is on the brink of history with healthcare reform and whether or not you agree with the nature of the legislation, it is an important matter that cannot be overlooked by the younger generation.

To those who are registered voters, I urge you to research the candidates and vote in the primary on December 8th for the candidate who best represents your beliefs and values. To those who are not registered to vote, I urge you to register and express your voice in the upcoming elections. The deadline to register in Massachusetts for the January 19th special election is December 30, 2009.

You have time: register. You have a vote: use it. Perhaps most importantly, you have a voice: make it heard.

One vote gave Adolf Hitler control of the Nazi Party. One vote brought Texas into the union in 1845.

One vote can pass healthcare reform in our country.

Your one vote can make a difference.

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Overwhelmed, no time, feeling down?
Come Refresh and Renew
with music, food and fellowship
Scanlon Banquet Hall

7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.
Battle of the Bands
Ely Main Lounge

Friday, December 4
7:30p.m. - WSC Music Department presents
Amahl and The Night Visitors,
Mary Brown Bonacci, Director
Dever Auditorium
$9/Adults
$6/students and seniors

8:30p.m. - Movie
"Paper Heart"
Ely Main Lounge

9:00p.m. - Jackson Wetherbee Band
The Perch
21+

Saturday, December 5
1:00P.M. - Women's Basketball vs. Elms
Woodward

3:30p.m. & 7:30p.m.
Encore Amahl and The Night Visitors

5:30p.m. - Ice Hockey vs. Salem
Fan Bus infront of Scanlon leaves @ 5, 5:15 & 5:30p.m.
Amelia Park Ice Arena
$1 w/WSC ID
$3 w/o WSC ID

Bacevich and Mearsheimer: Realists challenge Afghanistan war

By Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

Professors Andrew Bacevich of Boston University and John Mearsheimer from the University of Chicago are prominent scholars in the International Relations field and from the realist school of thought. Both are graduates of West Point and served during the Vietnam War.

Bacevich, who retired a colonel, did a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1970 through 1971.

His son died figbting there in 2007.

Both were also highly critical of the Bush administration's foreign policy and fiercely opposed the invasion of Iraq. The two have been outspoken critics of President Obama's decision to escalate the war in Afghanistan and neither sees it as the "good war" or the "war we must win."

Though they disagree slightly in their proposed policy alternatives, Bacevich and Mearsheimer agree that the ground war in Afghanistan is unwinnable and that staying the course is not in the nation's interests.

In his essay "The War We Can't Win," first published in the August 15th issue of *Commonweal* and reprinted in the November issue of *Harper's*, Bacevich writes on the thinking of policy makers in Washington.

"Afghanistan's importance is simply assumed—much the way fifty years ago otherwise intelligent people assumed that the United States had a vital interest in ensuring the survival of South Vietnam."

Mearsheimer addressed the same line of thought in his November 6th article for *Foreign Policy* titled "Hollow Victory."

He explains, "The United States suffered a clear defeat when South Vietnam collapsed in 1975, but it hardly affected America's position in the global balance of power.

Photo courtesy of experts.uchicago.edu
John J. Mearsheimer is the Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago.

The domino theory proved unfounded."

It is true that the "diffusion of power" and the rise of other nations have dramatically altered the world's geopolitical landscape. As we move further into a future of greater multipolarity or even nonpolarity, American power alone will not be able to achieve the same results that it did during the decades of the Cold War or in the "unipolar moment" following the American-Soviet rivalry's conclusion. As Bacevich and Mearsheimer point out, unlike when the Vietnam War ended, the America of today faces no true rival or power of equal stature. Annually, the Pentagon devotes more to military spending than nearly the rest of the world combined.

China, at $70 billion, spends about a ninth of what the U.S. does. Roughly half of all U.S. discretionary spending is done by the Pentagon. The fact that that figure is only between 4-5 percent of the nation's GDP value is a testament to the size of the economy. Valued at around $14 trillion, the combined GDP value of the nations comprising the European Union eclipses the U.S.'s at $16 trillion. Even with economic integration as a cornerstone, the EU is hardly a homogeneous entity.

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Used vegetable oil: Their waste and your car fuel

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

So at first I was told there was a good possibility this was going to be the last issue of the semester. Now I've been told we will have one more. Regardless, I'd like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday (I know you're looking forward to it).

What's on the agenda this week? Let's see…how about vehicles that run on waste vegetable oil? That's right; you can use the discarded oil from fast food places and other restaurants as fuel for your car or truck or whatever else you drive.

There is a cool website you can visit called www.greasecar.com that has all the details on acquiring a greasecar vegetable oil conversion system for your vehicle. The only "catch" is that the system is only made for the use of vegetable oil in diesel vehicles. It's similar to biodiesel, but instead of being a chemically engineered fuel, the greasecar system uses pure new or used vegetable oil. The website has links for purchasing the conversion kit.

Annually, about three billion gallons of waste vegetable oil is produced in the U.S., which is enough to fuel approximately 5% of the diesel vehicles driven. That may seem like an insignificant number, but look at it this way: rather than using crops for fuel and causing a rise in food production costs, used vegetable oil reduces waste management costs and has no effect on food prices. So it may not amount to much, but it's certainly not harming anything either.

These greasecar fuel systems will also reduce emissions since it's minus the sulfur content present in diesel fuel; they work in any climate; the vegetable oil is easy to get a hold of because restaurants are usually charged a fee to dispose of it; and the kits are available for do-it-yourself installation.

Prices for the kits range between $1,000 and $2,000, depending on the vehicle make and year. It may not cause a major change in alternative energy use, but greasecars are doing their part one kit at a time. Besides, it's the little things that are important; they add up to big things in the long run.

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Watch Your Manners:
5 Quick Business Etiquette Tips

Tip # 1: Stirred and Shaken. When on a business trip, avoid alcohol on an airplane – drinking at high altitudes makes you more inebriated.
Tip #2: The Proper Order. In the business meal, the host – the person who has issued the invitation to the meal – orders last.
Tip #3: Shake, Shake, Shake. To make the best impression with your handshake, reach for the person's palm, not the fingers.
Tip #4: That's Hot. Wait for hot items to cool. Do not blow on your soup to cool it because you might splatter on someone else.
Tip #5: Door Wars. There is a lot of confusion about holding doors. In social situations, a gentleman opens and holds the door for a lady.

Tips provided by the Culture and Manners Institute (www.cultureandmanners.com). For more information or to receive a weekly tip of the week, please visit their website.

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Turkish life makes an appearance at Westfield

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

I get a phone call. It was Lucia Sullivan. She said "come to Parenzo now." Boy, was I glad I heeded her advice.

I was positioned at the Dining Commons promoting study abroad to Greece when I received the call. As I entered the hallway area of Parenzo, I couldn't believe my eyes. A king size metal bucket was in my vision and a Turkish dish was being made and distributed.

The hallway was filled with tons of food and people from the community of Turkish Decent. It was a great scene to witness and I was the kid looking dumb founded as I took in the whole situation.

I then locate Lucia and the rest of the International Programming Crew and express my approval of the event. After all the food was ransacked like a toy store on Black Friday, people began making their way into Dever, where Turkish Performances were to take place.

I couldn't miss sharing what I was seeing with friends so I called up a few and they reluctantly showed up, surprised there was no circus. "Circus," you are probably thinking to yourself? Yes, apparently "Circus" and "Turkish" sound immensely familiar via the telephone.

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The Turkish Flag

Regardless I made them stay for the performance and I decided about halfway through I probably wasn't in the right seating section. I was immersed with the many Turkish people that showed up while students were in another location. I didn't care and I really liked being in the heart of the action with people that had a different language, culture, and attire.

My friends were first not on board but after acting like a goof, I warmed them up to it and even had one dancing to the show with me. There was a female and male singer that both sang in Turkish, I believe, because it certainly wasn't English.

I enjoyed their voices and then they were preceded with a display of what looked like a Turkish wedding.

There was a man that danced around a woman that was covered in a cloth so that you were unable to see her face. He had some pretty good moves. It's too bad she didn't get to see them. Then another man did a dance around her. She was then moved across stage and I remember she got unveiled. She then rolled dough on the side of the stage while other performers where showing their stuff.

After each performance people in the audience would bring flowers to the performer, which I thought was amazing. There was a packed house in Dever and the event went off with great success.

I probably wouldn't have seen this eye opening experience if I wasn't called to come over. I'm glad I got to see the performance and try so many delicious foods.

I saw a lot of students piling up the food as well so I know they were happy with it.

There will be more cultural performances in the future so keep your eyes open for posters around campus!

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Right and left sides square off over Afghanistan

The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

The decision has finally been reached.

After countless meetings with military leaders and generals and after three months of debate, President Obama has made the decision to send 30,000 more American troops to Afghanistan.

He is also asking NATO allies to send 10,000 more troops. Is anyone happy about this?

Possibly General Stanley McChrystal who did request that the President send 40,000 more troops there. Although the President's decision seems to be the result of careful consideration, it still endangers the lives of more Americans.

More troops have died in the Iraq War than in Afghanistan but sending more soldiers there does not guarantee that the United States will win this war. Already, 68,000 American troops are there and along with other countries, over 100,000 foreign forces are in Afghanistan.

Obama's plans include ending the wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan within the next few years, but who is to say that the timetable will be reached?

One of Obama's earliest supporters, Jan Schakowsky, says she is "very skeptical" about sending more troops and fears that Afghanistan could be the next "quagmire."

Not only does this increase in soldiers endanger more American lives, but the cost of the war is too much of a burden on the suffering American economy.

Photo courtesy of theheroesofamerica.com

Troops set out on foot in Afghanistan.

The war costs about $140 billion a year and the cost of adding just one soldier to Afghanistan is $1 million dollars per year.

Obama came into the presidency at a very difficult time in the middle of two wars.

However, this major foreign policy initiative is not the answer to the problem in the Middle East.

The focus should be on bringing all of the troops home safely, not sending more out there.

The United States has stayed too long in that part of the world and it would be detrimental for it to get involved in another long "quagmire" in the Middle East.

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Conservative's Corner

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

Well, it's about time Mr. President over there decided to send in more troops.

While he was in the White House having beers with criminals, trying to pass a ridiculous health care bill, and deciding whether or not to send more troops to Afghanistan, many were dying there.

The reason? Because there weren't enough people, money, or resources.

There is a reason for the war in Afghanistan and the war in Iraq and the soldiers are there doing their job.

They want to be there, despite popular belief. When signing up to join the army, they know what's coming.

There is always hope they don't have to be shipped off to Iraq or Afghanistan, of course, but essentially they want to be there and do what they signed up to do – fight for their country. So to answer the question, is anyone happy about this? I'm going to say yes. I'm sure many are happy about this mostly because it took way too long to figure out, but finally the right thing has been done.

I will agree to the high cost of the war and it probably does tie into the reason the U.S is scrapped for money right now. However, what's done is done. In the long run, taking troops out before the job there is done could be worse for us.

The whole "weapons of mass destruction" BS is over and done with. We know there wasn't any. And maybe the fear of terrorism is still way too high, but I can't say I blame anyone for that.

Now, I'm not all gung-ho for fighting or anything, I just don't want to see something worse happen if we decide to leave Iraq and Afghanistan. That fear, to me, is much greater.

President Obama did in fact come into this presidency with a lot on his plate.

We all expected and hoped he would do something to fix up the state everyone is in now. I am still impatiently waiting for him to do whatever it is he has planned. If that's taking the troops out of Afghanistan or cutting off supply, well then I guess I'll be moving to Canada.

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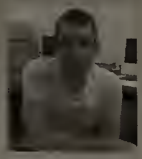
Student of the Week



Matt Harrington
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Who is your favorite Athlete and why?
Dennis Rodman for his rebounding ability and his hair.

If you could listen to only three hands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
Spin Doctors, Sublime, T-Pain

What is your favorite movie and why?
Walk the Line because of Joaquin Phoenix's performance.

What would you last meal be?
A bowl of Fruit Loops with a glass of Pepsi Blue.

What do you plan to do after Westfield?
Either graduate school or get a job in public relations.

What is your favorite material object?
My contact lenses. I need those things, or I'd be blind.

What extracurricular activities are you involved with?
STA theater program and this semesters production of Tartuffe.

Best sports memory?
2002 Patriots/Raiders snow bowl

Advertise yourself:
"I'm fresher than mo' fo'"

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

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Despite the growing challenges facing it, as Professor Josef Joffe argues in his most recent essay, the U.S. remains the world's "default power." If anything, through the commitment of its military and the potentially endless drain of money and resources, an open-ended war in Afghanistan could weaken the U.S.'s position.

Bacevich and Mearsheimer agree and both make the point that the public discourse on the war in Afghanistan, across party lines and in the mainstream media, stays away from explaining exactly how a sustainable Afghan government and military can be established and operate independently.

Bacevich writes that "fixing Afghanistan is not only unnecessary, it's also likely to prove impossible."

Instead of confronting this, the discourse often tends to revolve around the concept that the U.S. and NATO must win in Afghanistan at all costs. If they don't, the Taliban will take over and al Qaeda will once again have a sanctuary. The last time that happened it resulted in the September 11th terrorist attacks. Mearsheimer responds, "The fatal flaw in this argument is that al Qaeda has a sanctuary next door in Pakistan from which it has been operating since it was driven out of Afghanistan in Dec. 2001. It does not need a sanctuary in Afghanistan." The sanctuary in Pakistan's Tribal Areas has led to deadly results.

In his book *Descent into Chaos*, Ahmed Rashid notes that nearly every major planned or executed terrorist attack against the West following the invasion of Afghanistan had some connection to the Tribal Areas. Such connections earned it the nickname "terrorism central."

Mearsheimer addressed the Pakistani army's current operations in the Tribal Areas by saying, "Pakistan has no intention of rolling up al Qaeda, in good part because it does not have the capability to police those areas where the terrorists are hiding." He then highlights that the current operation in South Waziristan is not directed at the Afghan-Taliban or al Qaeda.

Given the fact the some of the Pakistani army entered the South Waziristan from North Waziristan, many regional experts have speculated that the army made a deal with the Haqqani network of insurgents based there in order to use the territory. The group's leader, Jalaludin Haqqani, is a major leader of the Afghan insurgency.

In his response to the standard argument for continuing the war in Afghanistan, Bacevich writes, "this widely accepted line of reasoning overlooks the primary reason the 9/11 conspiracy succeeded: federal, state, and local agencies responsible for basic security fell down on the job, failing to install even minimally adequate security measures at the nation's airports."

This combined with the fact that the Clinton and Bush administrations in large part did not take the threat of al Qaeda as seriously as they should have proved fatal. Despite repeated warnings by CIA Director George Tenet, his assistant Cofer Black, and Counter-terrorism chief Richard Clarke (amongst others), National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and the Bush administration had just gotten around to holding a high-level policy review immediately before the 9/11 attacks.

The Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence chief was in Washington the day of the attacks at the behest of the administration in order to explain what Pakistan was doing to distance itself from the Taliban. Richard Clarke's two books, *Against All Enemies* and *Your Government Failed You* are excellent sources on this topic.

Bacevich, concludes that the 9/11 attacks were a massive intelligence failure and instead of occupying Afghanistan, he proposes a "minimalist approach" similar to that said to be favored by Vice President Joe Biden. Like Biden, he advocates working with Afghan tribal leaders and only using Special Forces troops and precision strikes to target al-Qaeda.

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Editor's Desk

The end of the semester is near and I'm *thrilled*! This has been a great but also mildly stressful semester. I'm definitely looking forward to winter break.

We've got one more edition coming next week so be sure to look out for it if you're around!

As I'm writing this, it's Wednesday night and the last time I checked the forecast it said it was going to be sixty-one degrees tomorrow which is quite interesting since it's now December.

I also apologize if tomorrow is freezing because I just jinxed it. But if the weatherperson's (yes, I'm trying to be politically correct) prediction is true, enjoy what may or may not be our last nice day of the year!

Have a great weekend! ☺

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Tiger Woods apologizes, for what?

By Matt Castonguay
Editor-in-Chief

Its been nearly a week since Tiger Woods was involved in a one-car accident outside his Islesworth mansion. Since then, the legal and media-driven firestorm which it has spawned, has been top-story news on nearly every television channel, cable or otherwise.

Since his arrival on the PGA Tour, Tiger has been seen as, not only the model of consistency, but the model citizen. His on-course heroics have been topped only by his off-course philanthropic efforts and his squeaky clean image. Its long been said by his peers that the only one who can stop Tiger is Tiger.

We may now be seeing this come to fruition.

Since the accident, Tiger has been very hush-hush, refusing to discuss the incident with the Florida Highway Patrol, who had been stationed outside the Islesworth gates since Friday morning.

In a statement on his website, Woods said "I have let my family down and I regret those transgressions with all of my heart. I have not been true to my values and the behavior my family deserves. I am not without faults and I am far short of perfect."

After the accident, the rumors began to flow like Manachewitz grape vine wine around Hanukah. Everything from the accident being a cover up for spousal abuse and domestic issues to Woods alleged infidelity has surfaced.

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Tiger Woods' Escalade after the accident.

Since the incident, Woods has been cited by the Florida Highway Patrol for reckless driving and given four points on his license. The alleged reports of infidelity have been confirmed; the reports of spousal abuse, squashed.

Woods said, "the stories in particular that physical violence played any role in the car accident were utterly false and malicious." He continued to say, "Elin has always done more to support our family and shown more grace than anyone could possibly expect.

Phone calls and voicemails from mistresses have surfaced and have been plastered all over the tabloids; Intimate details of Woods private life plastered all over the media for the first time in his career.

"I have been dismayed to realize the full extent of what tabloid scrutiny really means," said Woods. "... for me, the virtue of privacy is one that must be protected in matters that are intimate and within one's own family."

As a result of the past weeks events, Woods has withdrawn from and will not attend the Chevron Houston Open this week, a tournament for which he is the host.

Yet to be seen are the ramifications on his public image as a result of this past weeks revelations, which will certainly be coming soon.

If past incidences of athlete infidelity are any key, then Tiger isn't in too much trouble.

You could go as far as to say Kobe Bryant's image has gotten better since coming clean about his affair. Woods can only hope his fate will be the same.

Editor's Desk

So, Matt Castonguay just made me eat a gum drop. It wasn't great at all.

I cannot wait to go home for vacation. It's December second and there is NO snow. I am doing a silent happy dance all around The Voice office. I just hope the snow stays in Vermont, since it was snowing there.

Hope everyone's Thanksgiving went well. I decided to go out on Black Friday, just to one store: Old Navy. Everything in the store was $15 and I was just about on cloud nine!

Don't get too stressed out with work as the semester winds down!

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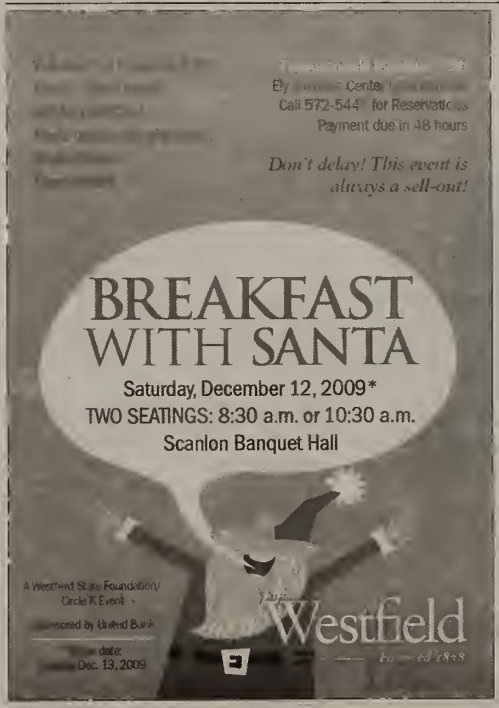

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REFLECTIONS

By Cait Penndorf

CASSIE STEELE

Popular Canadian actress Cassie Steele was born on December 2, 1989. Steele is best known for her role as Manny Santos on the *Degrassi: The Next Generation*. Steele has been on the show since she was eleven years old.

She was the star of the TV film *Degrassi Goes Hollywood* which premiered this past summer on TheN!

This twenty-year-old is also a singer-songwriter who released her first album in 2005 and a second called *Destrucio Doll* in July 2009, which has been described as a rock album with heavy influ-nces from Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan. Steele was featured in *Rolling Stone* magazine in 2009 with others from the *Degrassi* cast.

Cassie Steele

In this interview she said she doesn't have any set future plans and that she just goes "with the flow."

Steele was born in Toronto, Canada but now lives in Los Angeles.

PROHIBITION ENDS

On December 5, 1933 the Twenty-first Amendment was ratified. This led to the Eighteenth Amendment being repealed. What does this mean? Alcohol once again became legal. During 1919 and 1933, the sale, manufacturing and transportation of alcohol for consumption was banned in the United States because of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Former President Franklin Roosevelt signed an amendment in March 1933 that stated that "3.2 beer" could be sold and manufactured, along with light wines. ("3.2 beer" is 3.2% alcohol by weight). It was at this time that Roosevelt declared: "I think this would be a good time for beer."

Prohibition Ends

Nine months later, all bans were lifted from the sale of alcohol of any sort. Utah was the deciding 36th state to pass the Twenty-first Amendment, but Pennsylvania and Ohio also passed it on the same day.

BURGER KING

The first Burger King opened on December 4, 1954 in Miami, Florida. James McLamore and David Edgerton established the well-known eatery, which has now become the second largest fast-food chain in the United States. McLamore and Edgerton were said to have started selling hamburgers for only 18 cents.

According to fundinguniverse.com, McLamore and Edgerton were able to expand nationwide after only five years. This makes sense considering the restaurant serves over 15 million people a day with locations in every state and in 61 countries.

Burger King

They employ an estimated 340,000 people throughout the corporation and chain restaurants.

Burger King has also had six different logos since the beginning of it's life as a fast-food restaurant.

The most recent logo, as shown above, has been in place since August 1999.

New SUPER MARIO BROS.® Wii

By Franny Zupancic
A&E Editor

As a gamer more on the 'hardcore' side, preferring action-packed Xbox 360 games over the cutesy kid-friendly Wii titles, I have a hard time getting into anything on the Wii. The old-school gamer in me can't help but really appreciate a revival of a classic gameplay style, however.

New Super Mario Bros Wii brings back the side-scrolling Mario gameplay we all know, love, and most likely grew up on. As a kid, I spent countless hours playing Super Mario Bros 3 on my NES, and the tried-and-true methods are back on the new Mario for the Nintendo Wii. It plays just like any other side-scrolling classic, but has new features, like shaking the Wiimote to fly into the air or tilting it to move a platform. Additions like these make the game feel fresh and new, but the 2-D presentation ensures that the new features won't alienate older fans of the series.

One of the best additions to the game (and I am unsure if this is the 'debut' for this particular power-up) is the penguin suit. In Super Mario Bros 3, I always loved the raccoon tail and tanooki suits and felt they were unique to the game, despite never really being good enough to get to the point in the game where you could actually get the latter.

The penguin suit fortunately is available in the third world in this game and gives the game a unique feel and appeal, as you slide across ice on your penguin-stomach.

Despite being a long-time fan of the series, I never even bothered with the 3-D titles in the series (no, not even Mario 64.) as I always preferred the side-scrolling style. I was pleased to see that it feels just like playing an old Nintendo game, but with shiny new graphics (3-D models on a 2-D backdrop).

I think that Mario is the only series that can still pull off this old style, however. This is what Mario always was, and should be, but if a series like Zelda reverted back to this style, it would just feel like one big 'mini-game.'

Courtesy of Nintendo
Penguin Mario

We received an annonymously submitted review of the STA production of Moliere's Tartuffe. Unfortunately, our policy is to not print annonymous submissions. We welcome all reviews and articles, but can not print them without an author's name attached. If the writer of the Tartuffe review would like to contact us we would be happy to print the review next week.

Ugly Truth Review

By Sarah Scherer
Voice Reporter

Gerard Butler

The Ugly Truth is a movie starring Katherine Heigl and Gerard Butler. Abby (Heigl) is a news producer who is enraged when a vulgar womanizer Mike (Butler) is granted a segment on her show.

'The Ugly Truth' is a segment based on the supposed blatant unflattering truth about love and sex. The film wasn't groundbreaking by any means. The story about a tough, cynical rude man becoming a prince when he falls in love has been around since Pride and Prejudice, and probably even before that.

While I find it impossible to believe a person could completely change their lifestyle and outlook on life because they met the right person, I accept it like anyone has to if they are going to enjoy a romantic comedy.

While the movie got terrible reviews from The AV Club as well as Rotten Tomatoes, I found the movie light and fun, which is what you'd expect to get out of a romantic comedy.

Gerard Butler seems to be settling into these types of roles, with P.S. I Love You and the romantic comedy he is currently filming with Jennifer Aniston, but we can't expect him to be a King Leonidas in every movie he stars in.

The film was completely predictable, and the dialogue was not original by any means, nor was it particularly witty or funny. Despite this, the two have great chemistry together.

The film was written by a team of three women, which makes sense because who wouldn't want to cast the sexy guy from P.S. I Love You with their favorite Grey's Anatomy star?

Basically, the film delivered what you'd expect. It's something to watch with your mom, on a low key night at home.

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2. Andrea Bocelli - My Christmas
3. Norah Jones - The Fall
4. Casting Crowns - Until the Whole World Hears
5. 50 Cent - Before I Self-Destruct
6. Justin Bieber - My World (EP)
7. Michael Jackson's This is It
8. Twilight: New Moon Soundtrack
9. Carrie Underwood - Play On
10. Taylor Swift - Fearless

Top 10 Singles
1. Jay-Z + Alicia Keys - Empire State of Mind
2. Lady Gaga - Bad Romance
3. Owl City - Fireflies
4. Jason DeRulo - Whatcha Say
5. Ke$ha - TiK ToK
6. Iyaz - Replay
7. David Guetta ft. Akon - Sexy Chick
8. Lady Gaga - Paparazzi
9. Britney Spears - 3
10. Jay Sean ft. Lil Wayne - Down

Top Movies
1. Twilight Saga: New Moon
2. The Blind Side
3. 2012
4. Old Dogs
5. Disney's a Christmas Carol

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Jimmy Buffett - Buffett Hotel
2. Snoop Dogg - Malice N Wonderland
3. Usher - Monster
4. Lil Wayne - Rebirth
5. Lady Gaga - The Fame Monster

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Terminator: Salvation
2. Saturday Night Live: Fifth Season
3. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
4. Public Enemies
5. Lost Season 5

Upcoming Video Games
1. Earthworm Jim
2. Perfect Dark (XBLA)
3. Final Fantasy XIII
4. Guitar Hero: Van Halen
5. Fireburst

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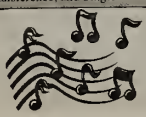

Time Machine

This week in Music History

by Franny Zupancic

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Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac Live at the Boston Tea Party 1970

It's not quite February 2010 yet, but it's still a good time to start celebrating the 40th anniversary of Fleetwood Mac's "Live in Boston" album (commonly called "Live at the Boston Tea Party") right now. It was released in 1998 but was recorded in 1970. Volume one of this three volume album came up on shuffle as I was catching up on some work last night, and I couldn't believe my ears.

The album kicked off with "Black Magic Woman," which I was of course well familiar with. If you aren't up on your blues-rock, you might be familiar with the cover version by Santana, and if you really aren't up on your blues-rock, you might be familiar with the song from Guitar Hero III, as it was a ton of fun to play. Peter Green and Fleetwood Mac were responsible for crafting this gem initially though, and it's the perfect way to start off this guitar-heavy collection of jams.

The next few songs are standard blues tracks; very solid. The meat of the album comes in on track five, however, with the twenty-four-and-a-half-minute-long version of "Rattlesnake Shake." Anyone who has ever even thought of picking up a guitar should listen to live records of Fleetwood Mac, and I'm not talking about the sappy, poppy Buckingham-Knicks era. I recommend the original line-up with Peter Green on guitar. Buckingham is a tremendous guitarist, but Green is on a whole other level, on par with Clapton and Page, easily. If you don't believe me, just ask B.B. King: "He has the sweetest tone I ever heard; he was the only one who gave me the cold sweats."

Where are they now?

Peter Green left Fleetwood Mac in 1970 and faded into obscurity. Green had difficulty dealing with fame and success and was diagnosed with schizophrenia, eventually ending up in a psychiatric institution. Green returned to record in the early 80s but relapsed in 1984 and went into seclusion for the following six years. Another return to studios brought Peter Green Splinter Group the success of releasing nine albums throughout 1997 and 2004, and Green is currently touring with "Peter Green and Friends."

Slide guitarist Jeremy Spencer left in 1971 after joining a Christian cult, currently known as "Family International."

John McVie and Mick Fleetwood are the two other founders of Fleetwood Mac (as anyone might have guessed due to the band name being a combination of their last names) and are still active in the band. The current Fleetwood lineup includes these two hall-of-famers on bass and drums, respectively, with Stevie Nicks on vocals and Lindsey Buckingham on guitar and vocals. Nicks is said to be disinterested with creating a new album without the return of keyboardist/vocalist Christine McVie. The band, however, is currently touring on their "Unleashed" tour.

Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac
Live in Boston (Live at the Boston Tea Party)
1970

No Zzzs at MSG for Dane Cook

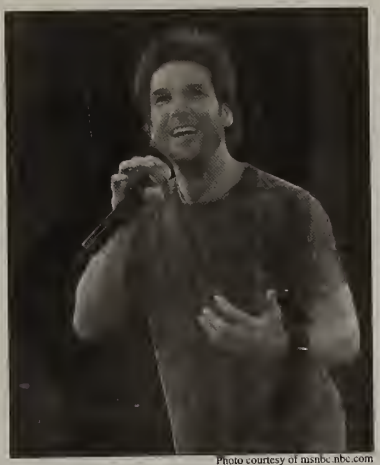
By Caitlin Handcock
Voice Reporter

There's no greater feeling than being a Yankees fan in the middle of New York City less than 24 hours after they became World Champions. However, this "on top of the world" feeling was just a fortunate add on to a trip that was originally planned in June of 2009.

Once Dane Cook had announced his tour dates and locations my friends and I were some of the first to claim tickets. In a city that seemed to get busier and busier as this Thursday night rolled on, the seats of Madison Square Garden began to fill up. The fact that Dane Cook would be performing in a city that was on such a rush from the previous night's baseball game was fuel for his opening acts. One comedian said only four words, "How 'bout them Yankees," and the place exploded with cheers and applause.

Cook knew how to make his fans anxious. The show, set to begin at 7:00 pm, didn't start until almost 7:45 pm. Cook spoke to his fans from backstage and introduced his first guest opener. After comedians Bob Kelly, Mike Epps, and Bill Burr warmed up the crowd and video messages from Jimmy Kimmel, Sarah Silverman, and George Lopez were addressed to Cook, the lights went out. The man of the night was introduced by a 3-minute video followed by an eruption of cheers as he took the stage.

Personally I had never heard Cook's stand up comedy act. I'm much more of a Bob Marley fan, the comedian originally from Maine, not the music artist. However, back in June my friends said New York City and I came running with my portion of the cash. All I had known about Dane Cook was his somewhat funny role in the movie Employee of the Month co-starring Jessica Simpson. When Cook finally took the stage I was a little unsure of how I liked the show so far. Some of his opening acts made tears of laughter come bursting through and others I found a bit too racial and discriminating. All in good humor I know, but still I struggled to see the funny side of some jokes.



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Dane Cook

Now that Dane Cook had started, I began to see why so many people loved him. He took his jacket off about 5 minutes into the act, threw it into the crowd and I thought the slightly drunk young women actually had go-go gadget arms by the way she snatched it from the air and from other peoples grasps. By the way, drink, for those of you who legally can, before you get into the Garden. At 10 dollars for a mixed drink with just one shot of Absolute Vodka and 9 bucks a beer, you better have emptied your bank account if you plan on getting a buzz while at the show.

Dane Cook tells the story of a time he and his girlfriend are role-playing and he's outside the bedroom window scratching at the glass. She makes a comment wondering if it was a tornado coming. He steps aside from his story and tells his New York audience that yes a tornado is coming and yet it is polite enough to warn her before hand. This did me in. My friends have been calling me Dorothy for quite some time now that I have been looking at University of Nebraska for graduate school. They all tell me to have fun with the tornadoes and now my answer is simply hey, at least they'll warn me!

Dane Cook did have a serious moment about his mother, no longer with him, and trying to delete her number from his phone and yet in just moments he would have everyone at the Garden slapping their knees and agreeing with friends on how true to life his jokes were.

Would I see him again? Probably not for as much as I paid for almost floor seats at the Garden but I'd be interested to see where he's going next. In all honesty I was with my best friends from Maine in the city I so passionately love, so Dane Cook and the absolute laughing fits that came from that night was just the cherry on top.

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From the cheap seats

By: Matt Castonguay

In the wake of the Thanksgiving holiday and the Patriots beat down at the hands of the (mark my words, future Super Bowl champion) New Orleans Saints; I decided to give a shout out to those and people and things I'm thankful for. First of all, I'm thankful for all the dedicated writers, editors and photographers on this staff and all the hard work they do. I'm thankful for Mark Nimkoff, Harry Stessel, Michael Filas, Jack Shea, George Layng, Glen Brewster and all the others who routinely put up with my sometimes flakey behavior and my run-down moodiness, which hopefully is never mistaken for disinterest. I'm thankful for Cait Penndorf, my lovely co-editor-in-chief without whom my wild rantings each week wouldn't be possible, and besides the obvious, God, Mom, Dad and family, I'm thankful for Caitlin Ranstrom for successfully playing matchmaker and for Meaghan Halfpenny, the pretty girl who (finally) finds me amusing. And lastly, of course, I'm thankful for you, dear readers. Without you, there is no paper, this is oo Cheap Seats and there is no Voice. Thank You!

Speaking of readers, its been a while since I've done a mailbag, hasn't it? Whaddaya say we delve into some of the best of the best from around the WSC campus. As always, if you'd like to see your email here and have your question answered, be sure to send your emails to mcastonguay25I6@wsc.ma.edu and if its good enough, well by golly, I'll be sure to run it here. Alright, Mailbag time!

Steve - Old Apartments - "So I've gotta ask you, do you still think Eli Manning is worth being the highest paid quarterback in the NFL, seeing as your Giants are sitting at 6-5 and are 3rd in the NFC East? C'mon, defend your boy..."

Well, first of all, Steve, I've never thought he should be the highest paid QB in the league. That being said, what he's accomplished in his six full seasons as an NFL starter is tough to ignore. He's won a Super Bowl, five playoff games including the run in 2007 which saw the Giants beat Dallas in Dallas and Green Bay in Green Bay (in sub-zero temps against Brett Favre nonetheless), he's led the Giants to four NFC East titles and has won 65% of the games he's started. Before Manning arrived in the big apple, the Giants won 8 games over two seasons. You can make the argument that its the team and not the Manning, but whether or not you think the QB is the most important position on the field or not, it's tough to deny it. Think about it. Is Minnesota a playoff team this year with Tavares Jackson or Sage Rosenfells under center? No, they're not. I certainly don't think Manning is worth all that money, but he is, in my opinion, an upper echelon QB in the league, along with Brees, Favre, his brother, Brady and Rivers and deserves to be recognized as one. If he weren't a Manning (and I'll admit, if he didn't look so dopey) he'd probably be getting the attention and praise he deserves; even from bitter Patriots fans.

Meg - New Hall - "Hi. I don't read your column, but my boyfriend does...religiously. That being said, he hates you. Just thought you should know."

I don't even know how to respond to this. Thanks, I think?

Smitty - Lammers - "Hey! Love you column, but I hate NASCAR. Stop writing about Kyle Busch. Seriously."

Huh. Point taken. I promise this will be the last time this semester I write about NASCAR. Promise.

John - Commuter - "I know how much you love film and I know how much you love sports. This weekend I was watching "Celtic Pride" and it got me thinking about how accurate sports movies are. So I gotta ask you, what do you think are the 10 most believable sports performances and the 10 worst, most unbelievable sports movie performances?"

Good question, John. I've got to say that in the recent years there has been a real lack of credible performances in sports film. I think I've mentioned before my disdain for *Rookie of the Year*, which is easily the worst, most unbelievable sports movie ever made. Granted, it wasn't meant to be a serious sports film, it doesn't give it a pass for paying no attention at all to continuity. The Dodgers play a home game against the Cubs at Comiskey Park in Chicago at one point in the film. Come on, really? You've got to do better than that. Any way, in the name of saving space, the top 3 best performances in sports films are from three to one; Michael Rooker as Rowdy Burns in *Days of Thunder* even though the film (a guilty pleasure of mine, I admit) is no more than *Top Gun* on wheels. Second is Robert De Niro in *Raging Bull*. This was tough for me. It was either De Niro or Will Smith in *Ali*. I went with De Niro since his film is better, though Smith probably deserved an Oscar for his portrayal of Cassius Clay. If you haven't and have the means, check it out. And the best I've seen is Kevin Costner as Crash Davis in *Bull Durham*. No one has mastered the sports film the way Costner has and I doubt anyone will. Hollywood just doesn't seem to be interested in making a great sports movie now days. The three worst are *Celtic Pride*, *Rookie of the Year* and *Major League III*, Back to the Minors. I'd talk about these in depth but basically, these movies would all be candidates for Mystery Science Theater 3000 fodder if they watched sports movies.

Mike - Courtney - "Hey, I noticed your Facebook relationship status changed; Is Paula going to be jealous of the new woman in your life?"

First of all, Mike is a friend of mine so it makes sense he'd send me something like this and secondly no, I don't think Paula will be jealous. Thanks for your concern.

Jeremy - Scanlon - "Do you think its fair to say Jamarcus Russell is the biggest waste of time and effort anywhere since the big dig?"

Yes. Yes, yes, yes. There is no bigger waster in the NFL, professional sport, or humanity than Jamarcus Russell is right now. And the only person on the planet who doesn't see this is Raiders owner Al Davis. Honestly, I'd love nothing more than to see the Raiders return to the proud state they were once in, but as long as Al Davis continues to feed that nasty little oxygen habit he has, the Raiders will never get better. When you've got a guy at QB who can sit on his butt and mid field and throw a ball through the up rights, you ought to find someone to teach him how to be accurate. Instead, Oakland keeps running the 320lbs punch line out there each week to go 4-21 with 3 picks, more than likely in a game where Oakland gets throttled. Needless to say, they need to make some changes in Oakland. How bad are the Raiders right now? Hiring Matt Millen as the GM would be a step in the *right* direction. Think on that.

Well, I'm out of space this week. I haven't decided whether or not I'm taking next week off. We'll see. Good luck on those papers and upcoming finals. If I don't have your attention for an extended period of time next week, have a safe and happy holiday season.

Saints destroy Patriots in 38-17 blowout

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

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The Patriots lose a tough game against the Saints.

The New Orleans Saints (11-0) looked like the New England Patriots during their historic 2007 season on Monday night, as the Saints moved one step closer to their pursuit of perfection with a 38-17 mauling of the Patriots (7-4). Drew Brees was unstoppable for New Orleans as he finished the game with 371 yards and 5 touchdowns. New England's defense was unable to find an answer for Brees' success and Tom Brady finished the game with two interceptions and zero touchdowns in a disappointing loss for the Pats.

"You know, there's a reason why they're 11-0," Brady said after the game. "They played really well tooight I think as a team. You know, we obviously didn't play up to their level."

New England took a 7-3 lead early in the first quarter on a Laurence Maroney four-yard touchdown run. But it was the only time the Patriots would lead all night.

Brees hit Pierre Thomas early in the second quarter on an 18-yard touchdown pass and then hooked up with Devery Henderson on a 75-yard bomb just three minutes later to give New Orleans a 17-7 lead.

"We busted a couple of coverages and cut guys loose, those are definitely mental errors," New England coach Bill Belichick said about his team's defense. "They were just mistakes in coverage and we had some plays where we just had them covered, but they caught the ball and made big plays."

The Patriots got within a touchdown of tying the score late in the first half on a Stephen Gostkowski field goal, but Brees hit Robert Meachem for a 38-yard touchdown over the middle with two minutes left in the half to make the score 24-10. It was the huge chunks of yardage that the Patriots defense allowed on single plays that cost them big time in the loss.

The Patriots looked like they might make it a game in the second half. Maroney ran for his second touchdown of the game on the Pats first possession of the half to make the score 24-17. But New England struggled on offense for the remainder of the game and did not score again.

"It didn't feel like we had any rhythm," Randy Moss said after the loss. "We had little spurts where we tried to gain that rhythm, but we just couldn't put things together."

While the Patriots struggled to complete drives, the Saints had no trouble at all moving the ball down the field on New England's defense.

Brees continued to make all the throws and easily march New Orleans down the field. He hit Darnell Dinkins for a touchdown on the goal line to extend the Saints lead to 14 to end the third quarter. The Saints put the game away in the fourth quarter when Brees hit Marques Colston for a 20-yard touchdown over the middle to make the score 38-17 and put the Pats away for good.

New England's failure to get pressure on Brees and stop the Saints offense from converting on third downs ultimately led to the disappointing loss. The Pats offensive line also struggled to contain the Saints defensive front, as Brady was faced with pressure almost every time he dropped back to throw.

"Coach said it after the game, they're a great team and we didn't play so great, said Brady. "So there's obviously a big gap between us. It wasn't nearly as competitive as we were all expecting, but that's what happens when you don't play very well against a pretty good team on the road."

New England will try to respond from the disappointing loss this Sunday when they head to Miami to take on the Dolphins. With a two game lead over Miami atop the AFC East, the game will be a key divisional game when it comes to playoff implications. A win by New England will extend their lead at the top of the division and basically guarantee a playoff berth. A loss against Miami will bring the Patriots' division lead down to one game and make things extremely dicey heading down the home stretch to the playoffs.

The game will kickoff this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and can be seen in the Ely Campus Center.

Nascar nation remembers Tim Richmond's race with the devil

By Matt Castonguay
Editor-in-Chief

Picture this: It's a hot, mid-summer Sunday somewhere in the Carolina's at one of NASCAR's premier venues. The stands are packed, one hundred thousand strong, watching driver introductions and cheering for their favorite. Near the very end, a tall, good-looking, youthful man with long, flowing brown hair, wearing a red fire suit, unzipped to his belly, revealing a white tank top, emerges from the far left corner of the stage. He smiles wryly and staggers over to the microphone, cautiously holding his plastic Budweiser cup in his right hand so as to keep it from spilling. Her surveys the crowd through his trademark amber aviators and smiles again:

"I'm T-i-i-im R-r-richmond. Just havin' a great t-t-ime sittin' here on the front rowww," he slurs, before taking a swig of his beverage. He smiles and waves and staggers away off right, leaving one hundred thousand people asking, "Is he…? He couldn't really be…?"

The answer, of course, is no. But that was Tim Richmond, the son of a farm equipment inventor from Ashfield, Ohio who never knew when to quit. The constant showman, Richmond earned the nickname "Hollywood" from his peers and made a name for him self on the track by making risky moves stick and daredevil decisions pay off, Off the track, he made bis name by being the life of the party, sleeping with racing queens (or any other woman who'd make herself available), starting bar fights, buying $150 bottles of champagne by the case and calling things as he saw them.

One time, Richmond walked into the Atlanta-Journal Constitution to do an interview with one of the writers while on a publicity tour for an event at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Richmond, who had had a few at lunch, strolled through the lobby unquestioned and into the elevators, bellowing as he went, " Look! There's no security in this place. I could bring a bomb in here." The rambling took the staff by surprise and had everyone wondering "what's the story with this Richmond guy?"

The story is that Tim Richmond was, by every sense of the word, a flash in the pan. A great, fleeting star, he wasn't *meant* to see old age. He was brash, cocky, good-looking and talented. He laughed at the things that feared most men. After walking away from flipped cars, totaled cars and rolling fireballs, he would often be seen laughing and drinking beer in interviews following the wreck. He and Dale Earnhardt once wrecked each other, then laughed and bragged together in a post race interview about their cars landing on top of each other.

Richmond was known more for his character than for his ability as a driver until late in his brief career. It wasn't until 1986 when his ability caught up with his antics and solidified the legend.

From the time he broke into NASCAR on June 13th, 1982 until his last start on June 21st, 1987, Richmond was the fourth winningest driver on the circuit (13) behind Bobby Allison (14), Bill Elliott (18), Dale Earnhardt (19) and Darrell Waltrip (26), all four, NASCAR legends in their own right. In 1986, Richmond finished 3rd in Winston Cup standings, the best of his career, winning seven times that year, including the Firecraker 400 at Daytona on the 4th of July. He was one of the best at his craft, an undeniable star, grabbing all the headlines for his work on the track and his antics off it. Then in 1987, the world around him began to crumble. He missed the Daytona 500 with what was called double pneumonia. He quit Hendrick Motorsports (which was quickly becoming the juggernaut it is today) amid rumors that he had contracted the AIDS virus. He would later confide to pit reporter and certified medical doctor, DR. Jerry Punch, that he did, in fact, have AIDS.

In 1988, his reputation took a hit when he failed a NASCAR-sanctioned drug test. It was eventually proven that the test was a false positive and Richmond's name was officially cleared, though his reputation was forever tarnished in the court of public opinion as well as in NASCAR circles.

Between that and the mystery surrounding his illness, Richmond faded into the background. In what Ed Hinton described as an "out-of-sight, out-of-mind society then—whether you were dead, comatose, gravely ill, whatever -" Richmond was now an outcast. He spent his final months in hospitals and, for the most part, out of the minds of NASCAR. The talk of AIDS died down though it never disappeared and the party quieted but didn't stop…

…Until August 13th, 1989, when the life of the party died alone in a hospital bed in Miami. The talk of AIDS, which had been quieted by the assumption that Richmond was bisexual or used needle-injected drugs, reached a fever pitch a week later when his family revealed that he had in fact, passed away from complications from AIDS and that he contracted it heterosexually. The party stopped. Those involved took the appropriate measures and the sport learned its lesson. One of the sports greatest stars who became one of its greatest shames was now one of its most important lessons learned.

Richmond's fall from grace and subsequent death occurred only two years before the revelation that Magic Johnson had AIDS. Few people questioned how he acquired the virus. There were no questions about his sexuality or drug use and everyone was in shock. From the late 80's until the early 90's, there were numerous athletes who came out as being infected with the AIDS virus; Arthur Ashe, Greg Louganis to name a few, but Tim Richmond and Magic Johnson were the two most surprising, since their reputations were ones which didn't jive with notions and misconceptions of the time about who were susceptible to the virus.

Today, the dangers of and those who are susceptible to AIDS are common knowledge. The movement to educate the world about the virus has been incredible, but there is still work to do. There is still a black vale over it and a bit of apprehension surrounding those living with it. That being said, while researching this piece, I stumbled across a quote, which is now one of my personal favorites.

It sums up perfectly the point I'd like to make and puts a poignant bow on the whole story and leaves everyone with a resounding message to remember any time circumstances are unknown.

In 2010, ESPN Films will run the 30 for 30 documentary, "Race with the Devil: The Tim Richmond Story," directed by Emmy Award-winning director Al Syzmanski. In a personal statement about the piece on ESPN.com, Syzmanski said:

"In two years time Tim Richmond went from the adulation of victory lane to a shadowed hospital ward, where he died from AIDS. On a personal note, I'm one of many that lost a beautiful friend to AIDS during that era. The cause of death became a deeply buried family secret. That reaction was all too common. The intervening years have taught me this: Disgrace born of ignorance is rarely deserved."

Sox falling short at shortstop

By Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

When the Red Sox didn't pick up Alex Gonzalez's option for next year, he started looking elsewhere, unsure if he would still return to Boston.

Then he signed a one year deal with Toronto, and afterward I hear that Theo Epstein was going to offer Gonzalez a one year deal worth a little more money. Theo was a little too late on this one.

I personally love Alex Gonzalez as a shortstop. Sure he isn't the most powerful hitter, but he's amazing defensively. He covers the field so well, and makes only a handful of errors each year.

Now the Red Sox are on a shortstop search yet again. It seems like every offseason for the past few years the Red Sox have been looking for a shortstop.

The Red Sox were previously interested in signing Marco Scutaro from Toronto, but we'll see how that one works out. Toronto has expressed interest in keeping him, and has offered him arbitration. Let's see how on the ball Theo can be with trying to get him.

Another option is being considered for shortstop, however. That option is moving Dustin Pedroia from second base to shortstop. The Sox have reportedly asked Pedroia if he would be willing to play at short next season if need be, and he's agreed.

Pedroia was an All-American shortstop at Arizona State, and he also takes ground balls at short during the season.

While he hasn't played the position in a while and has become one of the best second basemen in the league,

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Fenway Park

there's no doubt in my mind he could pull it off. He's actually very excited by the thought.

One way this makes sense is that it would probably be easier for the Red Sox to find a quality second baseman this offseason than a shortstop. There are a few notables for second base this offseason, including free agents Orlando Hudson and Placido Polanco.

It will be interesting to see how this situation unfolds, and if Dustin Pedroia will start the season opener in 2010 as a shortstop. Until then, the Red Sox are still looking for players to fill their roster.

One person they've been looking at is Roy Halladay. Multiple sources report that the Red Sox are very interested in acquiring him, and for good reason. If Halladay were to be added to the starting rotation, he and Beckett alone would be an effective one-two punch.

Halladay has already said that he is open to trades in the offseason, but will not accept anything after he has reported to Spring Training. He has the right to veto any trade, and has said that if he reports to Spring Training as a Blue Jay, he will remain a Blue Jay.

This offseason should be full of surprises, and they can only get better with the start of Winter Meetings.

Patrick submits in House; Octogon fights sanctioned in Massachusetts

By Franny Zupancic
A&E Editor

Eager MMA fans in the Boston area can rejoice: Governer Deval Patrick has signed a new bill that allows regulation for mixed martial arts in Massachusetts.

The number one mixed martial arts promotion, Ultimate Fighting Championship, will benefit greatly from this signing as it breaks into new territories as more and more states sign legislation to sanction fighting events.

UFC President Dana White, born in Connecticut, considers Boston his 'home' and is excited to have the opportunity to debut Ultimate Fighting Championship in the state.

White wants to hold an event at Fenway Park, but TD Bank Garden is the likely option. This is a big step for the sport as it allows it to expand into markets that may have only previously been reached by pay-per-view.

UFC is on the rise as the next big thing, replacing WWE's 'attidude era' for in-your-face sports, reality, and entertainment.

The bill has been passed, but no official dates have been planned, but with a political step this big for the sport, it will be no surprise if UFC announces

Courtesy of Knucklepit.com
Dana White

their debut as soon as 2010.

UFC is still on the heels of the success of their 100th event where one of their top stars, Brock Lesnar, gave a controversial post-match interview that insulted their biggest sponsor, Bud Light.

That success has been on rocky waters as of late, as Lesnar has been hospitalized with a severe stomach illness that may possibly jeopardize the future of his career.

The end of Lesnar's career could be a major blow to UFC and the sport of MMA in general as a box office draw, but expanding to new markets is an essential step towards the continuous uphill climb to success.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Even if you're feeling ready to make some important decisions and spring into action this week, just try to exercise some caution and take a little time to see how things unfold. You should be giving a lot more thought to your long-term financial situation right now.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You could be in a very spontaneous and adventurous mood at the moment. And you might get so caught up in the excitement of things that you wind up tripping yourself up right now. Just be careful that you don't end up going overboard with everything you do this week.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
Be aware that there could be a number of things moving in your direction behind the scenes right now. So just try to be patient and keep a positive attitude. Someone who is very supportive could be able to provide you with some much-needed help or advice this week.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Don't be surprised if you find yourself having some difficulties with a few jealous or resentful people this week. Others might promise more than they can deliver right now too. Whatever happens though, just keep moving forward.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You might want to start giving a little more thought to how you can expand your range of opportunities right now. The hardest part may be deciding exactly where you'd like to direct your focus. Just remember that what you do will be worthwhile.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
There's a lot going on at this time. Try not to let yourself get too stressed out over it all. Let go of things a bit and have confidence that everything will take care of itself right now. You should be feeling fairly spontaneous and adventurous.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You could be feeling a little impulsive this week, but don't be afraid to put a little more thought into any important decisions at this time. You might even want to take the opportunity to discuss things with your family before coming to any firm conclusions.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You should be feeling very generous and enthusiastic this week. Just be careful that you don't get carried away and end up promising other people more than you can really deliver.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You should be happy to help out if anyone could use a helping hand this week. But with everything you might find yourself having to deal with, just try to remember to stick to a healthy diet and exercise routine or you might find yourself starting to feel a little worn out.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Your romantic intentions should be well-received, so you might want to take a chance and make your feelings known right now. Luck should definitely be on your side when it comes to most endeavors this week.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
It's a good time for you to make some fresh starts, particularly around your living area. So try not to create any unnecessary headaches for yourself by continuing to dwell on any old issues or problems this week. Just focus on the things that you can change in the future, and learn to accept whatever has happened in the past.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
As interesting as some of the opportunities around you might seem at the moment, just be advised to take a little time before making any firm commitments. Remember that there's no need to rush into anything right now.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Green Bean Casserole

Ingredients

2 pkgs. frozen string beans
1 10 oz. can cream of mushroom soup
3/4 cup milk
1 can French fried onions
Salt & pepper to taste

Directions

Put the string beans into a mixing bowl

Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees
Add cream of mushroom soup to string beans
Stir in milk and 1/2 of a can of French Fried onions
Place in casserole dish or a 13 x 9 inch pa
Cook oven for 25 minutes
Sprinkle remaining 1/2 can of French fried onions on top after 25 minutes and then put it back in oven for 5 minutes.

Enjoy!!!

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The DC keeps WSC students on their toes

By Thomas Taylor
Voice Reporter

As a college student, dependence on amenities becomes vital. Students need warmth, they need shelter, and most importantly they need food.

After four years, you will never forget the food you ate three times a day, seven times a week, for nine months out of the year. It is embedded into your life: memories of campus food will always be there, the smell, the taste, and the experience.

Some students at Westfield State College will say that the Dining Commons are not among the top in the nation.

With one step in the door, these students immediately become flustered with an unearthly smell of burnt grease and vinegar; like the smell of skunk, it lingers on your clothing until they are washed.

Lines can sometimes be exhausting, stretching with twists and turns that seem never ending, creating late arrivals to class and even absentees.

Yet, this is our Dining Commons, regardless of the smells, complaints and lines; this is where students have to eat during their four-year stay.

What most don't know is that there is much more behind the scenes at the DC.

However, Nick Vincuilla, a senior business major from Hopkinton Mass. sees the Dining Commons as a nuisance.

"There are times when I have to really debate whether or not it is worth it to actually eat in there," said Vincuilla. "It usually depends on what I'm wearing, if I have a nice shirt on then I'm not going to risk ruining it with the DC's smell."

Among all of the issues with the dinning commons, the smell is by far the most discussed.

"I guess it is something that we all just have to deal with," said Vincuilla.

Though irritated at times with the dinning commons, Vincuilla explained that over the past four years he feels that they have made strides in the right direction.

"It must have been about two years ago," said Vincuilla. "The DC just started to step it up with new and different entrées, better wraps and sandwiches, and specialty dishes that grabbed my attention."

Vincuilla explained, "They went form chicken nuggets and hot dogs almost everyday to fancy Italian dishes and other things that I

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Photo courtesy of Westfield State College's Facebook.

The great flood of 2010

The campus green, along with the commuter parking lot, the Wilson parking lot and several other locations on campus were under water after Monday's rain storm.

Suprising Republican Senate seat victory

By Caitlin Penndorf
Editor-in-chief

The state of Massachusetts officially elected a new Senator on Tuesday, Jan. 19 in a special election held for former Democrat Senator Ted Kennedy's seat. In a surprising turn of events for the primarily Democratic state, Republican Scott Brown has been voted in as Massachusetts' new Senator, the first member of the GOP to hold the position since 1972.

According to Masslive.com, the race was a close one, with Brown winning with 1,168,107 votes over Democrat candidate Martha Coakley who had 1,058,682 voies. Joseph Kennedy, who ran as an Independent, won 1% of the vote with 22,237 voters showing support for him at the polls.

While Brown did win overall, he was not the favorite in Western Massachusetts. According to abc40, out of Springfield, Greenfield, Northampton and East Longmeadow, the only town to favor Brown over Coakley was East Longmeadow.

One aspect of the candidate's campaigns that stuck out to many citizens were the tactics used by both Brown and Coakley to get their points across. Phone calls and attack television advertisements seemed to be in full supply for both candidates. There were even reports of President Obama, former President Bill Clinton and even former Red Sox player Curt Schilling's star power being used in an attempt to sway voters with recorded phone calls.

"My neighbor received a call from Curt Schilling urging him to vote for Scott Brown by stating that Martha Coakley accused [Schilling] of being a Yankee fan. He was trying to make the point that Massachusetts shouldn't want a Senator who doesn't really know the state," said junior Erin Cheney.

Schilling was referring to an interview between Coakley and WBZ News Radio in which she mistakenly said Schilling was a fan of the New York Yankees.

While advertising and phone calls may have swayed some voters, a more pressing issue for most was the controversial health care bill the Obama administration is pushing to pass. To make matters more intense, it came down to one vote, which would be decided by the newest Massachusetts' Senator. Bay Staters were not only voting for a candidate, they were also indirectly taking a stance on the health care bill.

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Artist Reception
John Smith
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Brown Bag Bingo
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, January 30
1:00 p.m.
Swimming & Diving
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2:30 p.m.
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8:30 p.m. Movie: *Where The Wild Things Are*
FREE FOOD!
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, January 31
8:30 p.m.
Movie: *Where The Wild Things Are* encore
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Haiti's history of suffering continues

By Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

The 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12th topped off nearly two centuries of endless suffering for the people of the Western hemisphere's poorest nation. Haitian officials estimate that between 100,000 and 200,000 of their citizens are dead along with numerous aid workers and volunteers from abroad. Facing a logistical logjam in regard to emergency food and supplies, the people of Haiti grow increasingly desperate.

Prior to the earthquake, much of Haiti was already in ruins. Over 80 percent of Haitians live on $2 or less a day and an estimated 53 percent live on less than $1. Haiti's government has consistently been ranked as one of the most corrupt in the world. The top one percent of the population control over 50 percent of the nation's wealth. Haiti also has the highest illiteracy and infant mortality rates in the Western hemisphere. Such is the legacy of a small island nation that has been tormented and brutalized by the world's powers and even its own rulers since the day of its birth. Haiti also holds the distinction of being the country subjected to the most interventions by the United States.

Following Haiti's successful bid for independence, in an act of gunboat diplomacy, France forced its former slave colony to pay it a yearly indemnity up until 1947. Journalist Greg Palast notes, "Rather than enslave individual Haitians, France thought it more efficient to simply enslave the entire nation." Well before Haiti was finished "reimbursing" France's slave owners, it had drawn the attention of another imperial power.

After the rebellious Haitians had been "pacified," democracy was brought to Haiti in the form of elections in which 5 percent of the population was allowed to participate. Washington and Wall Street's candidates received 95 percent

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Photo courtesy of csmonitor.com
Haitians travel past ruined building in downtown Port-au-Prince.

Earthquake's effects reach to Massachusetts

By Caitlin Power
Voice Reporter

"Flying over Port au Prince in the helicopter, we saw so, so much damage. Like a bomb had gone off."
Anne Power

Flying over Port au Prince, Haiti, Anne Power stared at the rubble and destruction that surrounded the area. What was supposed to be a positive experience became a tragedy that she would never forget.

Anne Power had made a plan to visit her cousin and help with volunteer work for a school and hospital in Fond des Blanc, Haiti (60 miles away from Port au Prince). She had never been to Haiti and was very excited to experience it for the first time. She arrived in Port au Prince on Tuesday January 12th. Anne and a group of volunteers took a jeep from Port au Prince to their destination in Fond des Blanc. It normally takes four hours to drive 60 miles because the roads in Port au Prince are extremely bumpy and uneven.

Suddenly Anne and the others were thrown about the truck by an unknown, massive force. They stopped the jeep and got out to see what had happened. People were running out of their houses saying there was an earthquake.

When I asked Anne how strong the earthquake was and how it affeeted her she said that it wasn't the earthquake that frightened her so much, but the aftershocks that night. "I had never been in an earthquake before. I couldn't believe how much the Earth shook." Everything moved and fell in the home she was staying in. Many people slept outside that night and every night until Anne left.

When they arrived in Fond des Blanc, all they could hear was wailing and screaming from the Haitians because so many people had already been reported dead. Haiti's government put the confirmed death toll at over 72,000 people on Tuesday the 12th with other estimations as high as 200,000. This puts Haiti's earthquake among the ten deadliest of the century.

Those who survived are not only devastated by the loss of their loved ones, but for the wreckage that was left behind. Over 3 million Haitians are in need of food, water, shelter, and medical assistance. They are scared and in need of help. There are roughly 15,000 troops in Haiti distributing relief supplies and evacuating and treating the injured. The soldiers are also in Haiti to help keep order to prevent looting and rioting as was seen in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Anne and her friends also tried to help in every way they could by fixing up a library nearby and giving back rubs to those in pain. Before leaving, she went to a three-year-old girl's funeral, whose father worked at the hospital she was volunteering for. The little girl had died in the earthquake. The family dug her grave in their own back yard, put her coffin in and poured cement over the grave. "It was so much more real than our sanitized versions here in the U.S.," she recalls.

It was extremely difficult for Anne and her friends to find a way to return home. They couldn't drive back to Port au Prince because they were told it was too dangerous. Helicopters were afraid to rescue them because, while landing, others had been pulled down by desperate people. Eventually, a helicopter picked them up on January 19th to go back to Port au Prince. They waited four hours for a flight to Dominican Republic and then found a flight to Boston, Massachusetts Wednesday night.

Unfortunately another earthquake hit Wednesday January 20th that measured 6.1. The first earthquake may have left 200,000 killed, however we will never know truly how many. It also left 250,000 injured and 1.5 million homeless. This second earthquake could only make things worse. An additional 3,500 police and soldiers were sent to Haiti to help once again prevent looting by desperate survivors.

Safe at home in Waltham, Massachusetts, Anne feels thankful for being home and healthy, but her heart goes out to the people who are still living this crisis. She states, "Flying over Port au Prince in the helicopter, we saw so, so much damage. Like a bomb had gone off. The palace, where I had taken a picture of Tuesday the 12th was now half collapsed. We could see the Cathedral, could see the fires where they were burning the dead bodies. While we sat on the field in the airport, we could see all the rescue/aid efforts going on. So many marines and volunteers were working so hard."

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Strides made to better the Dining Commons

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would have expected to find in a restaurant."

John Hickey, a sophomore from Waltham Mass, transferred to Westfield State College from Bentley University. Needless to say, the DC is a new experience for him.

"Personally, I have no problems with the food," said Hickey, "my only problem is the lines that appear during dinner time."

Everyday from about 5:45pm to 7:45pm, the DC is packed. With a student body of over 5,000, it causes brutal lines to appear that slow everything down.

Craig Goodridge, the dinning commons general manger explained that they have up to 1,500 students that eat during dinnertime.

Hickey, a member of the football team, deals with an issue that most athletes each year have to endure.

"I get out of practice and I either have to rush to eat something quickly before our meetings start," said Hickey. "Or I have to just skip dinner, which then means I have to go spend money somewhere to eat."

As complaints have been boiling up over the years towards the DC, very few students are unaware that beyond all of this so-called "madness", is something much bigger than what most of us can even imagine.

Not only is the business behind our dinning commons on a high level, but the services that WSC's DC provides are often over looked. For the students who think that all you can do is walk in and eat, there is much more offered.

If you ever find yourself sick, the dinning commons staff has put together program where they will bring you food to you room. If you find your self in a situation where you can't make it to the dc to sit down and eat, they will provide you will a boxed lunch to take with you on the go.

Both John Hickey and Nick Vincuilla, full time students, were unaware of some of benefits Dining Commons had to offer.

"I had no idea about those benefits that the dc has to offer," said Hickey. "It is something that I might look into doing."

"Students, faculty and staff come to the DC as their place to eat and socialize," said Goodridge. "We just try and make it a great experience every day."

Photo courtesy of Westfield State College's Facebook
The Tim and Jeanne's Dining Commons has taken on a new name over winter break, honoring two former WSC employees.

A glimpse into the life of a Subway Sandwich Artist

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Judy Messenger starts her day like every other: at 4:30 in the morning she awakes at her Chester home and feeds her two cats, Stain and Doker, and two house rabbits, Dudley and Chaquita. After dressing she heads to work at Westfield State College in the Ely Lounge. She arrives around 6:30 and begins her morning routine, which includes checking the temperatures of the fridge and food, filling out reports, sanitation duties, and rotating items on the shelves and in the walk-in cooler to make sure the oldest dated are sold first. At 8:15 she goes on break for a half an hour, eating a spinach salad with tuna every morning. Then it's back to work, doing the Subway inventory and on Fridays the Sodexo inveotory. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays she puts away the food delivery from the Sysco Corporation.

This is all done before the students start to file into Ely to get grinders at Subway for lunch or grab a cappuccino at Jazzman's Café for some mid-morning stimulation. The lounge provides commuting students their very own food center and they take advantage of its convenience...most of the time. "Beginning of the semester we have lines," Judy says. "It's about half that now."

Not surprising, since it isn't the only place on campus for commuters to purchase food; there's The Grille, located in Wilson Hall (and featuring the Taco Bell knock-off Quixote's) and the Dining Commons, which is catered for the needs of on-campus students – but commuters can get in for five dollars and it's all you can eat. Concerning breakfast, Dunkin Donuts is located in the New Residence Hall and since its inclusion at WSC has become vastly popular.

But the real center of activity for commuter dining is Ely Lounge, the main draw being the Subway located there. In recent years Subway's appeal has grown abroad thanks to spokesman Jared Fogle and a bombardment of advertisements across the country. Students flock to get the five-dollar foot longs and the franchise now has a decent range of meal choices from soup to salad, even pizza. Judy's co-worker Angela Newman agrees that at times it can be slow, but the lull that occurs mid-semester doesn't last: "We have more business toward the end of the semester, especially with the library just over there." Angela credits the neighboring bookstore as another draw for the lounge, saying that they see commuters and on-campus students, "The best of both worlds" as she puts it.

She also says that they tend to see the same faces, as many of the students are very loyal to Subway. Billy Story, 19, is one of those. A History major in his second year at Westfield State, Story says of Ely Lounge, "It's convenient. It's right near Lammers Hall so it's nice. I'm not fond of the food [at the Dining Commons] so it's good to have Subway here as an alternative."

Jazzman's is quite popular itself, a place where students can get quality coffee and smoothies. The area used for Jazzman's/Subway is spacious with plenty of tables for students to relax while they enjoy their meals. The friendly environment serves as place to eat, study, and meet up with friends to have a good time. It's location in the Ely building, which sits right between the Commuter and Ely parking lots and near the campus apartments, makes it a popular stop for both commuters and on-campus students like Story. Junior commuter Michelle Perreault usually goes to Quixote's, but since she works at the campus library in Ely, it is easily accessible. "I think it's good – I like it," she says of the lounge.

The franchise's that make up Ely Lounge are run by Sodexo, a French multinational corporation and one of the largest food services and facilities management companies in the world – the same corporation that directs the Westfield State Dining Commons.

Launched in 1966, Sodexo initially served company restaurants, schools, and hospitals and is today split into two entities: Food Services and Facilities Management and Service Vouchers and Cards. The service cards are the same used at Westfield State, where students can collect Sodexo credit and Owl Bucks on their student ID's to use for food purchases.

Sodexo hired Judy twenty-seven years ago. "They offered me the first position as management," she says. "So I've been manager here since 1984." Prior to Subway and Jazzman's it was a grille, selling hot dogs, hamburgers, and such – the first cash operation on campus. As manager it's Judy's job to supervise, keeping everything in order and seeing that things are taken care of, including making sure the employees get their breaks. She understands that things can get hectic with so many students in and out all the time, so if it seems that someone is having a rough time she'll give them extra breaks. "You have to feel the moods of the employees," the affable brunette pronounces. According to her, the bulk of the work and breaks are done before 1pm so they can give their undivided attention to the students when it gets busy at noon.

While Judy's duties consist mostly of working behind the counter at Subway and putting away orders, Angela mainly works on the register. A citizen of Westfield, she first started at Westfield State in 1997 as a cashier at the Taco Bell (before it changed to Quixote's) in Wilson Hall. Then she moved to the catering department for four years before being promoted as a manager of the Dining Commons. She did that for another three years and finally ended up at Ely, a change that she welcomed. Angela says she enjoyed managing the DC, but now that she's settled in at the much calmer Ely, "I'm not running around like a chicken with my head cut off."

During lunch hours the women take care of the students always with smiles on their faces.

They love to chat and if you swing by to pick up one of Subway's sandwiches you'll get an earful from them. Compared to the Dining Commons, where you become just a number amongst the hundreds of people who arrive for their mid-day meal, the lounge is much more personal.

The employees' interactions with the students are as natural as the ones between students. Positive vibes radiate in the atmosphere day in and day out – it's no wonder students continue to come back to this campus haven. Angela enjoys it: "The faculty is wonderful and the students are great."

Judy agrees. "I love my job. All the people that work here, they all get along. And I enjoy the students."

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Student of the Week

Ashley Wojnarowski
Health Fitness
Senior

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Dave Matthews' Wife.

If you could only listen to three bands/ artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
Dave Matthews Band.

What's the last movie your saw in theaters?
I think it was *Sherlock Holmes*.

What's your favorite thing(s) about Westfield State?
Kelly Fitzgerald, Emma Mackie, Heather Bulis, Meg Barbeau, and Erica Bright.

What's your favorite meal?
Vegetables with a side of salad.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
It changes every day.

Is your bed made right now?
No, it's oot. It's a disaster, actually.

What is your favorite material object?
Emmy.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
Field hockey, Heath Fitness Club, cycling, hiking, haoging out with Pabs, Pi Upsilon Omega and yoga.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Haiti struggles time and time again

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the vote (in our own day, the Bush administration would applaud Tunisia's military dictator's move towards democracy when he lowered his official tally from 99 to 95 percent). Reflecting on his experiences, Marine Major General Smedley Butler, twice a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, wrote, "I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street." Along with setting up a handy offshore banking hub, the 1915 to 1934 occupation of Haiti allowed American financial institutions, primarily City Bank of New York, to oversee the nation's debt (City Bank purchased Haiti's only commercial bank in 1910) and take over its finances. From then until the late 1950s, they would annually siphon off amounts valued at 40 percent of Haiti's GDP.

In 1957, the CIA helped install François "Papa Doc" Duvalier as ruler of Haiti. While solidifying his hold on power and in the years that followed, Papa Doc's soldiers murdered 30,000 to 40,000 people. Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier assumed power upon his father's death in 1971. Baby Doc's death squads continued to terrorize Haiti as he personally stole somewhere in the range of $500 million from the treasury and pocketed 80 percent of the humanitarian relief funds and aid sent from abroad. Baby Doc's economic policies unleashed further suffering. As a favor for his friends in Washington, Duvalier nearly eliminated tariffs on goods imported from the U.S. It didn't take long for Haiti to become a "dumping" ground for U.S. taxpayer-subsidized agricultural products. Haitian farmers simply could not compete. Hundreds of thousands were driven off of their land and into the slums of Port-au-Prince.

By 1986, Baby Doc's position was no longer tenable and the Reagan administration flew him to retirement in France. Jean Bertrand-Aristide, a former priest, received 70 percent of the popular vote and became Haiti's first freely elected President in 1991. Promising to redistribute wealth to the poor and curtail the military's power and influence, Aristide was subsequently overthrown seven months after taking office. The military junta that took power delivered a new wave of terror across Haiti. A group with hardly concealed ties to the CIA and foreign businesses, it is interesting to note that a rogue's gallery of the junta's death squad leaders resides freely in the U.S. today (and to think that the state reactionaries are up in arms over moving prisoners from Guantanamo Bay to a U.S. prison).

President Bill Clinton officially "restored" Haiti's democracy in the "immaculate invasion" of 1994, during which no American soldiers were killed. What followed presents an interesting contrast to the way President Obama handled the coup that removed Honduras' president last year.

Haiti's constitution, like many in nations historically run by entrenched oligarchs and their stooges in the military, forbids a president from serving consecutive terms in office. President Manuel Zelaya of Honduras ran into this problem and attempted to convene a constitutional committee to revise it last year. Thus, if a popular true reformer leaves office, though he can run again down the road, whatever progress he has made is most likely to be reversed before he can do so.

President Clinton succeeded in reinstalling Aristide on the condition that he would just serve out his term. The Haitian boat would not be rocked and business interests would not be threatened.

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Editor's Desk

Welcome back!
It's spring semester, even though it hasn't completely felt like it, with the exception of the great flood that occurred on Monday. I don't know about anyone else but I'm ready for spring. I'm not a huge fan of winter and snow, unless it guarantees me a snow day.

There are so many things going on this semester, including the Spring 2010 Speaker Series. The first presentation will be from The Onion, which is a news organization that focuses entirely on fake satirical news pieces. The presentation will be on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. with a reception at 6:00 p.m. at the Woodward Center.

I hope everyone has had a great start to the semester and don't forget to check out things going on around campus.

Also, congratulations to Sam Fahey and Alex Myers who have been selected as next year's Co-Editor-in-Chiefs!

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SUPER PHIPPS LIQUORS

New at Super Phipps:

"The Man Cave" is now open! Must be 21+ to enter. We have ping pong, beer tasting, big screen TV. Saturdays and Sundays 12-3.

Check out our $4.99 bargain bin!

MUST BE 21 TO ENTER STORE!

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The Great Wall of China

China: The beginning of a journey

Former Courtney Hall President studies abroad

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Niahao (Hello) Westfield!

Just brushing up on some Mandarin for China, where I will be heading for spring semester. I leave February 16th and will return June 15th. Yes, that means I have an extra month off from college. What does a college kid do with an extra month off before going back to school? First, it is nice to be able to sleep in late and eat my Frosted Mini Wheats instead of the mix and match cereals at the DC. But working is always stressful because I never get a consistent job. It seems like all the money I make goes toward my car insurance and gas. So, I started selling Cutco knives part time to make some money. It is almost impossible to find a job for a month for me, always has been, and I can't see the trend getting any better with our great economy. So working for Cutco consumed my life for a week after Christmas.

Then I had a winter class online from January 4th-January 14th. I was going to do Habitat for Humanity but I wouldn't have been able to juggle a winter class and do Habitat in Pennsylvania. I spent most of the two weeks that included my winter class focused primarily on the class because it was very intensive; a semester's worth of work condensed into around 2 weeks. It was called Introduction to Mass Communication. I want to minor in Communications, so I figured it would be a good way to get the ball rolling. It was very interesting and I enjoyed taking the class. I also mixed in playing basketball at the gym and skiing in Vermont while taking it. I haven't had a jam-packed winter break but I have enjoyed it thus far.

I have enjoyed spending time with friends and family. My birthday occurred over break, on December 19th, and it was a milestone; on my 21st birthday, like most red-blooded Americans, I had some alcoholic beverages to christen the occasion. The next morning was not such a great one but I had a fun night nonetheless. It's weird hitting such a milestone; I always seemed to think that age was so distant but now that day has come and gone. I feel as though now I'm an adult and there's not much more I have to look forward to age wise. I suppose 40? Yikes.

New Years was a little different this year. Now we are celebrating 2010. What is '10? That's really the year we're in; I still can't get my head around that. What are babies that are being born going to be saying in twenty years, "I was born in 10"? Being an '88 baby myself, it comes off a bit strange. The same thing applies for cars. I always think of people saying, "Yeah, I got this '78 Mustang and the car looks mint." When we're older it's going to be like "Yeah, I got this '10 Altima and it's a beauty." Might just be me, but transferring into the teens for a date seems off. People said, "I graduated in the 90's." What are the students that graduate in this era going to say? "I graduated in the teens?" Just some thoughts I have had swirling in my head over break.

New Years Eve was fun though; I spent it with someone special and that made it a great time. I have heard the phrase, "It's not what you're doing or where you are, it's who you're with," most notably stated by Lisa Donahue, RA of Courtney during Orientation last summer. It never really sank in until this year. I heard it a few times from freshmen as I asked them questions in our circle at Orientation and I thought it was a "cop out" answer at the time, but now I can see the meaning behind it more clearly. So in regards to good friends, I think this statement usually applies. As long as you're with your "best" friend/friends you will have a great time no matter what.

It is now January 25th as I reflect on my time away from Westfield over the last month or so.

I brought my things from my dorm room home, knowing well that I would not be returning for spring term. Strange as it seems I miss Westfield a lot already, and almost all of my friends from home have gone back to their respective schools. I will no longer be Courtney Hall President, but I know my twin (Veronica Tumavicus) will do a great job at taking over my spot. I will be writing for The Voice from China so I will get the pleasure to write stories of my times over seas. I have had to do a lot of planning and preparing for China. Last week I went to Chinatown to get my Visa and plane ticket. It was quite the adventure: my friend and I got lost for about an hour, only to realize Chinatown had been right in front of us when we walked outside the train station. I can only imagine what China is going to be like.

Anyway, hope you guys didn't spend too much for books this semester. I used chegg.com and got my books really cheap. You rent them and then ship them back for free. If you spent more than 500 bucks for books this semester, I suggest you check it out. You can also sell books you bought in the past to chegg.com too if the bookstore doesn't buy your books back. If you have any questions on it give me a shout. You can reach me at rmcginnity5884@wsc.ma.edu. Hope you guys have a great semester! GO OWLS!

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Editor's Desk

Welcome back!

Hope everyone's semester is off to a good start! I would like to talk about this flood, pictured on the front page, that I somehow did not end up seeing.

I'm interning at the Northampton Gazette this semester two days a week, one of which was this past Monday, when the storm hit. Apparently, the campus was under quite a bit of water, but was drained by the time I got back at 5 p.m. I wish that I saw the great flood of 2010, but at least there are some good pictures of it!

Anyone else super busy? I feel like I am going non-stop this semester already! I have a feeling it's going to absolutely fly by, and then, graduation. Scary!

Have a great weekend!

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LGBT In The Workplace

When do you come out in the workplace about being a part of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) community? Do you ever come out? These are some questions every LGBT person asks themselves, and being a part of this community, I have asked myself variations of these questions many times. Working on campus at Westfield State College was a great choice for me, but I was hit with a dilemma. Do I disclose my sexual orientation to my professional acquaintances or do I keep it separate? I decided to come right out because I cannot hide that aspect of myself. I came to terms with my orientation a long time ago, and I am proud to be who I am, so why should I have to hide it? This job has helped me grow as a person, and the atmosphere of this place is wonderful. They have had a very accepting attitude towards me and they have listened to my stories of some recent crazy adventures with my girlfriend. The climate here is fantastic and it is a very diverse place to be. I have just had a great experience being out in the workplace. There are many other people that share this view of mine and, of course, some use a different tactic because they are not as comfortable as I am with doing that. If you're not like me, and you want to wait to let people know, that's perfectly understandable too! Start working at a company for a while, and feel out what type of climate it is, and then decide if you trust people enough to share this information. With that being said, you could choose to never tell anyone about your sexual orientation or gender identity. Why should your work peers know about some of the most vulnerable aspects of your life? It is possible to keep your professional life separate from your personal life. In the end, it is ultimately up to you what personal information you chose to tell people.

REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

ELLEN DEGENERES

On January 26th, one of Hollywoods' most popular and enigmatic stars was born in Louisiana.

Simply known as Ellen to most, the bubbly queen of nice has been a prominent figure ever since she scored a TV hit in the lat 90's with her show *Ellen*.

It was on that show in 1997 that she came out openly as a lesbian.

Since then, Ellen has been a major player in the advancement of LGBT people and an out-spoken activist for issues concerning the gay community.

Ellen DeGeneres

Since 2003 she has hosted a day time talk show, where she's know for her upbeat dances and always humorous interviews, and starting this year she will fill Paula Abdul's vacancy on the wildly popular show *American Idol*.

Before she became famous from her numerous television shows, Degeneres was a stand up comedian and even appearend on *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson.

NOLAN RYAN

This week in 1947, one of the greatest pitchers in the baseball history was born. Later known as "The Ryan Express" for his 100+mph fastball, Ryan redefined the power pitcher.

He finished with an all-time record for strikeouts with 5,714, 324 wins, a 3.19 ERA and was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999 but perhaps is best known for his record seven no-hitters.

Currently Ryan is part of a group of investors planning to purchase the Texas Rangers. Ryan has previously worked as the head of baseball operations with the Houston Astros and hasn't ruled out a return to the dugout as a pitching coach.

Nolan Ryan

Ryan's career began in 1966 with the New York Mets. He was a memeber of the miracle Mets championship team in 1969 before moving on to the California Angles. After that, he spent time with the Rangers and Astros.

COLUMBIA SPACE SHUTTLE DISASTER

On February 1st of 2003, The United States and NASA experienced one of the worst disasters in their histories.

Upon reentry into Earth's atmosphere, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* disintegrated over Texas.

All seven crewmembers were lost.

NASA s intemal investigation of the crash, the Columbia accidentt investigation board, thee loss was caused by a piece of foam insulation, which damaged the shuttles' thermal protection system, causing the shuttle to break apart. The disaster was NASA's worst incident since the Challenger explosion in 1986.

Colombia Space Shuttle

Since the incident, NASA has worked tirelessly to solve any issues with the foam insulation and numerous memorials has been erected in memory of those who's lives were lost.

Obsessed: Nothing to be surprised by

By Sarah Scherer
Voice Reporter

The movie Obsessed opens with husband and wife, Derek and Sharon, played by Beyonce Knowles and Idris Elba, moving into their new home, where you see a mirror in the ceiling which you expect to become a plot point but it never does.

An appropriate start for a thriller flick, depicting a hopeful new beginning that fills you up with anticipation. You can't help but wonder, "what will happen to screw this up?"

The movie was directed by Steve Shill, a British actor and director who has worked on shows such as Big Love and The Sopranos.

Ali Larter plays the crazy temporary worker named Lisa, who is the man reason for the title of the film. For some reason, she becomes obsessed with Derek after knowing him a few days. Derek doesn't help matters by flirting with her. However, when she tries to bring things to the next level, he decides it's time to start rejecting her advances.

Sharon initially appears to be controlling g and a paranoid wife, which gives credence to all those controlling girlfriends or wives out there when he fears turn out to be accurate and much more extreme then she could have dreamed.

The movie was decent in a PG-13 thriller sense, although its plot seemed a little too familiar for anyone who has seen the thriller Swimfan. The fighting scenes worked fine, with Knowles and Later having a natural chemistry on screen. The plot seemed consistent for the most part. Larter's role was similar to ber role on the television show Heroes, where she played a manipulating woman with multiple personalities.

However, if you're expecting a twist or something unpredictable, this may not be the film for you. The movie escalates to the end, gathering speed with a fake suicide, bathroom seduction, kidnapping and then becomes the catfight you knew and hoped would happen.

The movie received mostly negative reviews, being faulted for being too generic and dull until the fight at the end.

It is unlikely that this movie will stick with you long after you've watched it, unless maybe you are someone who enjoys watching that girl from Destiny's Child beat up that girl from Heroes while they break a lot of stuff. As Peter Travers of Rolling Stone states, "Everything you need to know is in the trailer."

Campus Announcements

Spring Speaker Series Presents
The Onion
February 24, 2010
Reception at 6:00 p.m.
Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
Woodward Center

Women's Basketball
vs. Worcester State
February 2, 2010
5:30 p.m.

Pancakes with the President
February 1, 2010
Starting at 11 p.m. at the Dining Commons
Haiti donations accepted!

STEP AFRIKA!
February 2, 2010
Dever Auditorium
Free Admission - but pick up your tickets at the campus center with your student ID.

Speaker Series
Dr. Michael Eric Dyson
February 4, 2010
Reception: 6:00 pm
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Woodward Center

Musicale
Student Recital Series
February 17, 2010
12:35pm
Dever Stage, Parenzo Hall

Top 10 Albums
1. Vampire Weekend - Contra
2. Susan Boyle - I Dreamed a Dream
3. Ke$ha - Animal
4. Lady Gaga - The Fame
5. Alicia Keys - The Element of Freedom
6. Lady Gaga - The Fame Monster
7. Mary J Blige - Stronger with Each Tear
8. Taylor Swift - Fearless
9. Alvin and the Chimpmunks: The Squeakuel
10. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.

Top 10 Singles
1. Ke$ha - TiK ToK
2. Lady Gaga - Bad Romance
3. Jay-Z + Alicia Keys - Empire State of Mind
4. Young Money - BedRock
5. Iyaz - Replay
6. David Guetta - Sexy Chick
7. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
8. Rihanna - Hard
9. Owl City - Fireflies
10. Ludacris - How Low

Top Movies
1. Avatar
2. Legion
3. The Book of Eli
4. Tooth Fairy
5. The Lovely Bones

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Rob Zombie - Hellbilly Deluxe II
2. Peter Gabriel - Scratch My Back
3. Lifehouse - Smoke & Mirrors
4. Jamie Foxx - Body
5. Gorillaz - Plastic Beach

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Zombieland
2. Couples Retreat
3. Law Abiding Citizen
4. Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant
5. WWE Raw: Best of 2009

Upcoming Video Games
1. Bioshock 2
2. Tropico 3
3. MLB 10: The Show
4. MLB 2K10
5. Final Fantasy XIII

Upcoming Rock Band downloadable content (Harmonix)
Over winter break:
Paul McCartney, Blink-182, Alice in Chains, Tom Petty song packs
January 26:
1. Rage Against the Machine - Bulls on Parade
2. Nazareth - Hair of the Dog
3. Motorhead - Killed by Death '08
4. I Mother Earth - Levitate
5. Hawkwind - Master of the Universe
6. Blue Oyster Cult - Transmaniacon MC
7. Blue Oyster Cult - Godzilla

Guitar Hero 5 content
Over winter break:
Band Hero, New Blues Masters, Vampire Weekend, Metal song packs

January 28:
Creedence Clearwater Revival Track Pack: Travelin' Band, Bad Moon Rising, Proud Mary

Time Machine

A trip through music history

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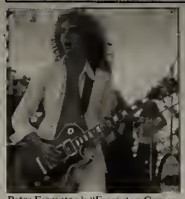
Peter Frampton's "Frampton Comes Alive!" is an essential talk box album.
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Top Ten Talk-Box songs

Many have heard the sound before, but not all might be able to name the guitar effect technique made famous by Peter Frampton on his 1976 live double album "Frampton Comes Alive!" "Frampton Comes Alive!" is the fourth best-selling live album of all-time, under Garth Brooks, Bruce Springsteen, and The Eagles, respectively.

The technique consists of a piece of tubing that runs from a floor pedal to the microphone, and the opening is usually fastened under the microphone. The guitar tones pass through the tube and are modified by 'lip syncing' into the tube. Changing the shape of the mouth will change the harmonics of the guitar sound, resulting in a 'talking' effect.

If this descripton doesn't do it for you, seek out the songs on this top ten list:

10. Aerosmith - Sweet Emotion
Toys in the Attic (1975)

Placement for this song on this list is a difficult choice because the talk box work on this song isn't necessarily anything to write home about, but Joe Perry's inclusion of the device's effects coupled with Tom Hamilton's famous bass intro just can't be left out. Released io 1975 as the first single from Aerosmith's third album, Toys in the Attic, "Sweet Emotion" deserves the tenth place notch on this list.

9.Alice in Chains - Main in the Box
Facelift (1990)

Grunge staples Alice in Chains' legacy may be in the vocal harmonizations of the late Layne Staley and Jerry Cantrell, but many overlook the fantastic contributions of Cantrell as a guitarist.

Cantrell's tone was unique to Alice in Chains and he even used the talk box on a few songs, most notably in "Man in the Box." The talk box wasn't really seen in grunge too often, unless you count talk box pioneer Peter Frampton's 2006 cover of Soundgarden's "Black Hole Sun," but we'll get to Frampton in a bit.

8.Guns N' Roses - Anything Goes
Appetite for Destruction (1987)

Slash has used the talk box on many different songs throughout his career, but none have utilized its technique as much as "Anything Goes." The main riff seems to 'dance' around Axl Rose's vocal work, leading ioto a solo using the same effect. Rather than pick the more well-knowo "Rocket Queen" as a selction from the 'mad hatter's' repertoire, "Anything Goes" is number four on my list.

7. Pink Floyd - Pigs (Three Different Ones)
Animals (1976)

In "Pigs," David Gilmour uses the talk box sparingly to recreate the sounds of pigs in a truly unique and innovative manner. This was the first time the talk box was used on a Pink Floyd recording. In 2001, Les Claypool's Frog Brigade released a live cover of the entire "Animals" album.

6. Motley Crue - Kickstart My Heart
Dr. Feelgood (1989)

While the talk box appears only during the guitar solo in "Kickstart My Heart," it is used effectively and breathes new life into the song, much like the doctors who "kick started" bassist Nikki Sixx's heart to revive him from clinically declared death after an overdose in Guns N Roses' guitarist Slash's hotel room. Much like other songs on this list, the talk box MAKES "Kickstart My Heart."

5.Bon Jovi - Livin' On a Prayer
Slippery When Wet (1986)

Regardless of how you feel about the orphans of hair metal, Bon Jovi, there is no denying the success (even today) of their music. A portion of that success can arguably be attributed to the talk box effects used on Livin' on a Prayer, as it MAKES the song. This ranks above Sweet Emotion and others, because the talk box is used as a strong component of the song rather than an embelishment.

4. Steely Dan - Hatian Divorce
The Royal Scam (1976)

Every guitarist should listen to "The Royal Scam." "Scam" features guitar solos by guest guitarists (mostly Larry Carlton) and brings the instrument to greater prominence in comparison to previous Steely Dan albums. On Hatian Divorce, there is excellent talk box work by studio musician Dean Parks.

3. Joe Walsh - Rocky Mountain Way
The Smoker You Drink, The Player You Get (1973)

This should really be lower on this list because the talk box isn't really utilized until the guitar solo later in the song, but it's such an iconic track for guitarists in general that it deserves the number three position.

2. Jeff Beck - She's a Woman
Blow By Blow (1975)

If oot for Peter Frampting making the talk box so famous, Jeff Beck would have a stranglehold on the number one spot. Beck is an often overlooked guitarist and one of the best of all-time, easily surpasssing Clapton, Vai, and Hendrix with his eclectic Jazz-fusion/rock style of play. Beck even shines behind the talk box on this cover of The Beatles' 1964 "I Feel Fine" B-side, "She's a Woman."

1. Peter Frampton - Show Me the Way / Do You Feel Like We Do
Frampton Comes Alive! (1976)

While Mr. Frampton did not invent the technology, he is synonnymous with the sound after bringing it to the mainstream with his massively successful double live album. In recent pop culture, Frampton can be seen in animated form on 1996 The Simpsons episode "Homerpalooza" and the 2001 Family Guy episode, "Death Lives," performing Do You Feel Like We Do and Baby, I Love Your Way, respectively. Both songs are playable songs for Guitar Hero 5.

Paula Abdul leaves American Idol after eight years, Cowell to follow

Beginning in January, every Tuesday and Wednesday night people from all across the country settle down to watch the beloved show American Idol.

This season, after 8 years with the show, Paula Abdul has decided to call it quits. Mr. "That was horrendous" Simon Cowell will be cutting the show loose after this season as well, following in Abdul's footsteps.

Rumors flooded the media about Abdul's status on American Idol, so eventually she put them to rest by telling her fans on Twitter that she has decided to leave.

Quoted on Rollingstone.com, Abdul wrote, "With sadness in my heart, I've decided not to return to [Idol]. I'll miss nurturing all the new talent, but most of all being a part of a show that I helped from day one become an international phenomenon. What I want to say most is how much I appreciate the undying support and enormous love that you have showered upon me. It truly has been breathtaking, especially over the past month. I do without any doubt have the BEST fans in the entire world and I love you all."

Photo courtesy of msnbc.nbc.com
American Idol judges Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell

The producers of American Idol confirmed Abdul's statements on Twitter and said that she was an important part of the show and even though they will miss her, they wish her all the best.

Host Ryan Seacrest said that he was "stunned" with Abdul's decision to leave the show.

"So the news that Paula Abdul is leaving American Idol stunned me last night. She's a dear friend, I love her to death, and it's really sad that it's come to fruition. I'm just bummed and I think if you were to talk to Randy or Simon they'd say the same thing. It's just sad. It bums us out, he said."

Randy Jackson and last year's winner, Kris Allen, also said their sad good-byes and let her know that she will be missed on the show.

The other popular, critical, and probably most truthful judge, Simon Cowell has also ultimately made the decision to leave Idol. His U.K show "The X-Factor" will be coming to the United States in the fall of 2011 and he has decided to focus more on that.

Cnn.com reports, "[I] didn't think it was right to do two shows in America at the same time, so [I] decided to leave one and start another," Cowell said. Replacing Abdul for the 9th season is TV host Ellen DeGeneres who also gave her thoughts on Cowell leaving.

"I am going to be very, very sad to see him go, because I think he's made the show what it is. He's a huge part of that show but he wanted a change," she said.

Fox said that they are not going to rush into replacing Cowell just yet; it may just be impossible to find a replacement for such a major part of the show.

Although the contestants may not miss Cowell's snare and sometimes harsh remarks, his eye and ear for talent will definitely be missed. It is sad to see Abdul and Cowell go, but viewers and members of Idol and Fox could never forget how much they gave to the show.

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New Massachusetts State Senator Scott Brown.

The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Ted Kennedy was a champion of the Democratic Party and of Massachusetts. Known as the "lion of the senate," Kennedy had a way of connecting and compromising with the Republicans, which allowed them to successfully work together.

Throughout his 46 years in the Senate, he made successful efforts to help improve education, cancer research, and civil rights, to name just a few. Kennedy was also very well known for being an advocate of improving and expanding health care coverage. He was such a strong liberal voice in the Senate who actually cared about the people of Massachusetts and worked very hard to propose and vote on legislation that would benefit his constituents.

Thus, it is truly unfortunate, sad, disappointing, and infuriating that Scott Brown was elected to the United States Senate in the special election in Massachusetts last week. It is not just that Scott Brown has policies and ideals that are contrary to those of liberal Kennedy, but rather that someone was elected who will choose to defeat what Kennedy spent years to accomplish.

How could one of the most liberal states elect a conservative senator right when the health care bill is on the verge of collapsing? Does no one care to honor Ted Kennedy's work? This is truly aggravating.

Brown bas said that he will vote against the health care bill currently in the Congress. He also believes that the government should have the ability to restrict the right of a teen to get an abortion as he supports parental consent and notification requirements.

Brown's website also declares that he believes "marriage is between a man and a woman." Among other conservative policies, he also wants to isolate Ahmadinejad, the president of Iran, which could be horribly detrimental to diplomatic relations with that country. These are just a few of his policies, but they demonstrate that overall Brown is clearly a poor choice.

So who's to blame? Martha Coakley for getting lazy in campaigning? The Democratic Party for not choosing a better candidate? No, the fault lies within the citizens of Massachusetts. Some of these citizens may have become disillusioned with Obama's policies, but that is no reason to allow a major conservative to take Ted Kennedy's seat. It's not just that Ted Kennedy's seat was given to a conservative, it's that his life's work is going to be undermined by a man who stands for the very ideals that Kennedy fought against.

The people of Massachusetts, you'll be sorry. One can only hope that Scott Brown does not destroy what Kennedy worked so hard for and that his term proves wrong the prediction that he will be a detriment to the state of Massachusetts and to the country.

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The Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

It is without a doubt a sad thing to have seen Ted Kennedy pass. He and his family have done great things for Massachusetts, but the times have changed and so has the state. Although still highly democratic, it is clear that the voters knew better than to side with ObamaCare or overspending of money that we just don't have.

Democrats of Massachusetts seem to be acting like sore losers and pointing their fingers at everyone who voted against Martha Coakley for the reason that she didn't know who Curt Schilling was. Who cares? No, the people voted against Martha Coakley because they're smart. Finally, finally people want something good for the state.

There was once a time where the world was viewed by two political parties: Republicans and Democrats. Now, as the country divides even more, we see a new party: the Progressives. The Progressives make liberals look like conservatives because they are so far to the left. All I can say is thank God for Scott Brown. He has put a hold on President Obama's own Progressive Movement.

As for the leader of Iran, President Obama said that he would extend his hand if Ahmadinejad would unclench his fists and you know what Iran said in response? That they would speed up there production of plutonium to make an atomic bomb. Oh, that's just great.

If that doesn't show you that there is no way to deal with this country than I don't know what will. As long as Russia and China will not enforce sanctions to be placed on them then we have no other choice except to go to war with them, too. Nice knowing you, United States.

Obama set a goal of January 1 for Ahmadinejad to give up his production "or else." That day has come and passed and his threat proved to be as useless as his presidency. Oops, did I say that out loud?

Don't be fooled Americans, or shall I say Westfield State-ians, because although Obama has rated himself a B+ in his first year, it is clear he has a far lower grade than that. If you look at the whole picture, I don't see improvements and if I had a say I would label his first year as an F.

Before Scott Brown, the Democrats had supermajority and could pass pretty much anything they wanted during the vote. Even then they couldn't pass through their own party. So, not only do I want to thank Scott Brown for pulling through in this election, but I want to thank the people of Massachusetts for seeing what's important.

Brown winning was a big shock and "upset" seeing as there was a Democrat in the seat for 46 years; however it's a Republican in the seat now. It is also not Ted Kennedy's seat anymore. And as Scott Brown would say, "It's the people's seat." That statement could not hold more truth.

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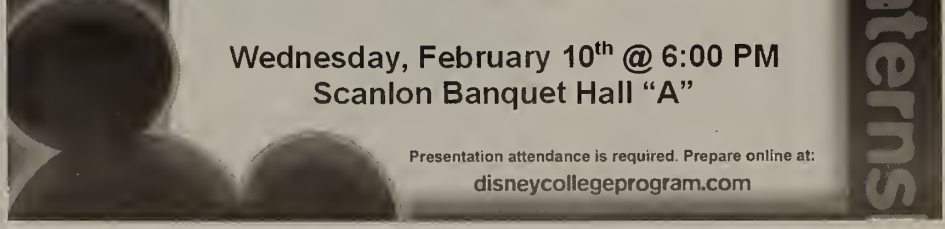

Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay

Alright, I know I said I was going to take this week off but man, how could I? What a week it was. Patriots lose to Miami in Miami, the Giants knock of the Cowboys for the second time this year , Jim Furyk won Tiger's tourney in Cali, and of course the, Colts and Saints both improved to 12-0.

First lets start in Miami, where the Dolphins again beat Tom Terrific and the Belichick juggernaut. In his career, Brady is 0-3 at Miami, his worst record at any venue by far.

Obviously, the Dolphins/ Patriots rivalry hasn't been much of one in recent years, but the fins always play the Pats tough, and Sunday was no different.

That being said, I think New England lost that game as opposed to Miami winning it. Not to take anything away from Chad Henne, who was 29 of 52, with 335 yards, two touchdowns and a pick, but when Belichick's call to go for it on fourth and one from the Miami six failed and Tom Brady struggled in the fourth quarter (again!) , the Pats couldn't recover and Miami squeaked out a 22-21 victory.

All game long the Patriots held a lead, the Dolphins hanging tight, waiting for the mistake to pounce on, and when Brady threw two fourth-quarter interceptions, they did.

After Sunday's loss, the Patriots have now dropped three of their last four, which makes me a very happy camper, though I know most Pats fans are steaming and talking about how their current struggles don't matter because they've got four rings blah blah.

Listen, I don't care how many rings you've got on your fingers, if you're team has dropped 3 of 4, you're former MVP QB has a fourth-quarter passer-rating of 60.0 and you're only a game up with four to play in what is a pretty tight division, you're using one of those fingers to push the panic button.

Speaking of panicking, the New York Giants won a huge game in the Meadowlands against rival Dallas, taking both games from the boys this year. Finally, the team that started the year so promisingly at 5-0 has won a big game. The Cowboys jumped out to an early 10-0 lead, but got out-scored 31-7 from there on out and lost to the Giants 31-17. The Giants are now 7-5 and still in 3rd place in the NFC East. A loss would have all but eliminated them from playoff contention and now they have new life.

They also have to play Philly again; which is more dangerous than unprotected sex with Paris Hilton.

The Eagles have had the G-men's number for about five years now. As a Giants fan, I'd honestly rather see them have to face New Orleans again or Minnesota than the damn Eagles. First of all, because I hate the Eagles with such a passion, that if you gave me the opportunity to rid the world of one "organization," it wouldn't be a bank or Al Queda, it would be the Philadelphia Eagles. Secondly, having to watch the Eagles celebrate in the Meadowlands last year made me so mad I probably would have cold-cocked the Pope if he told me to calm down.

I'd love to say here that the Eagles don't deserve to win the NFC East because they're performance has been sporadic at best this year.

They've lost divisional games to Dallas and Washington and also lost to Oakland. That being said, the Giants lost to Philly, Arizona, Denver, San Diego and New Orleans. The Cowboys almost lost to Washington and have struggled at times to reach double digits points scored. The records are all above .500 but the whole division has been shoddy at best. Even Washington; how do you lose to the Lions then give the Eagles, Cowboys and Saints all they can handle? I don't know.

Ultimately, even with their loss to Arizona (which could still be a post-season thereat) I think Minnesota and New Orleans are the class of the NFC and the Patriots and Colts, the AFC. The Super Bowl will be played between two of those four teams.

In other sports news, Jim Furyk won for the first time in 54 tries at the Chevron World Challenge.; A big win for the guy with the weird swing and for a fan favorite. Furyk is personally one of my favorites and its good to see him get back in the winners column.

Speaking of golf, I got out one last time on December 4th. Few things are better than playing golf when you shouldn't be.

The ground should be frozen solid, snow covered and weather conditions nowhere near conducive to a good round of golf.

It was 65 on Friday. I could have played in shorts. I didn't play well, but I played, and that's what was most important. Hopefully this December golf thing won't be a surprise next year when I'm living in Florida.

That's about it; I don't want to do too much more than I have to this week since, like yourselves, I've got so much other crap to do for the end of the semester. Good luck to all of you on finals and surviving the final handful of day remaining; And to those seniors coming down the homestretch of your "Victory lap," a sincere congratulations.

Westfield State senior Gomes runs to success

By Matt LaPan
Voice Reporter

Marc Gomes Jr. is a 22 year-old senior from Springfield, Massachusetts and is a member of the Westfield State track team. This season alone Marc has already broken his own school record in the 55-meter dash, and owns two other school records. Saying Marc is fast is an understatement, but little do most people know, Marc has been running his whole life from the grips of poverty and gangs.

Gomes grew up in a family of ten. In his home growing up were himself, his mother Cindy, six brothers and two sisters. Where was Gomes' father you might ask?

"My father, Marc Gomes Sr. left my life when I was about four years-old. I didn't see him again until I was about 11 (years-old). That year he was locked up for murder so I have not seen him since then."

"When I was seven (years-old) a man who I call my father, Tom Nicholas, came into my life."

Shortly thereafter, more tragedy struck in Gomes' life. Tom Nicholas was struck by a car and laid in a coma for three years. This left Gomes and his family without a home, and without enough money to survive. The only alternative for Gomes and his family was living in local shelters.

"I think we (Gomes and his family) lived in about six shelters. We were in a shelter for a total of about three years." For some, living in an inner city shelter leads to a life of crime, drugs and gangs.

"There were drug dealers, and there were crack heads. So just because we were in the shelter, didn't mean that we were safe."

This did not get to Gomes, however. "I don't smoke. I've never smoked a cigarette, anything. I've never drunk alcohol in my life. But it could have been easy for me to easily go to the streets like most of my friends did."

How did Gomes overcome all of these odds? One way has been through family. After the tragic accident involving his stepfather Tom Nicholas, Gomes went to live with his Aunt and Uncle in Virginia. Clarence and Linda Nicholas took Marc in as one of their own while he tried to straighten his life out after Tom's accident.

However, when Tom died, Marc returned home from Virginia to help his mother take care of his family. This happened when Marc was only 16 years-old.

Photo courtesy of Matt LaPan

Marc Gomes is a student athlete at Westfield State College.

"The day before I was supposed to go back to Virginia, right before my sophomore year, my father (Tom Nicholas) died. It was hard for my mom raising 10 kids by herself so I came home to help her out."

This return marked a turning point for Marc. After returning home he eventually met his future wife, Tanaesha. Marc and Tanaesha have been married since March 2008 and Gomes credits his wife for keeping him from going down the wrong path. Even if his wife may not love the fact that Gomes is in the Navy, she still supports him through thick and thin.

"Well she (Tanaesha) doesn't love it but she likes to travel, and that's one thing about the Navy is you get to see the world. So she supports me still."

Another major influence on Gomes' life has been sports. Gomes started playing sports in high school where he played football, basketball, and ran track for the High School of Commerce in Springfield.

"I wasn't a football player really and I wasn't great at basketball, but using the skills that my father (Tom Nicholas) gave me I was able to excel in sports."

Gomes is a standout track athlete at Westfield State College. He currently sits third in division three New England in the 55-meter dash (6.50 seconds), first in the 200-meter dash (22.58 seconds), and is yet to run his strongest event, the 400-meter dash. "Track here (Westfield State) has been huge. Everyone here respects me, and I really enjoy being on this team."

According to teammate Anthony Stomski, "I may not be best friends with (Marc) Gomes, but he is an amazing athlete. People train for years to get to where he's at and it's a true testament of how hard he works to see the times he puts up."

When Gomes graduates in May, he will be an honors student. Gomes also plans to continue his career with the Navy, where he plans to work for Navy hospitals within the next 25 to 30 years.

He would like to get his masters in Naval Medicine and serve treating wounded soldiers. He finally plans to travel the world with his wife and possibly continue running for the Navy.

Just think, somebody who had no help growing up now wants to dedicate his life to helping others. This shows how far Marc has run from his past, to make an amazing future.

Patriots have plenty of needs heading into the offseason

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

The New England Patriots' mediocre 2009 season came to a disappointing end when the Baltimore Ravens came into Foxboro and dealt the team an embarrassing 33-14 defeat. The game was marred with a lack of execution, discipline, determination and enthusiasm from a Patriots team that played as if they had never been in that type of situation before.

The Patriots looked nothing like the franchise that won three Super Bowls in this past decade, but a team that had never even seen the field in a playoff game before. That sad statement is due to the simple fact that a majority of the Pats roster hadn't been in that situation before.

Coach Bill Belichick knew that this team was not as talented as previous Patriots teams. While he may have underestimated its severity, he knew that losing veterans Richard Seymour, Mike Vrabel, Rodney Harrison and Tedy Bruschi would be a blow to the team's defense. But Belichick expected his young players to step up and use determination and grit to make up for talent and experience like so many Patriots teams in the past had; by and large, this did not happen.

While Bruschi and the other aforementioned vets had lost a step or two over the years, they always played with toughness, passion and heart. Those qualities often made up for the speed or skills they may have lacked. They were emotional and motivational leaders that could take a team and pump them up. It was those intangibles that the 2009 Patriots team lacked.

The 2008 New England Patriots, led by inexperienced quarterback Matt Cassel, finished the year with an 11-5 record; pretty solid considering they played the whole season with a backup quarterback. The 2009 New England Patriots, with Tom Brady back at the helm, finished with a run of the mill 10-6 record. Tom Brady's presence alone was not enough to make up for the problems that this team had. The 2009 Patriots team had holes at more positions than any Pats team in recent memory. The offseason is just around the corner, and the Patriots are heading into it with plenty of needs to fix.

Photo courtesy of boston.com
Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs stripped quarterback Tom Brady on the Patriots first offensive play of the game.

Let's start on the offensive side. While Tom Brady returned to start the 2009 season, he did so with the lack of a competent supporting cast.

While Wes Welker and Randy Moss are both Pro-Bowl quality players at the wide receiver position, both are question marks heading into 2010. Welker will be trying to return from a severe knee injury and there is no telling if he will be 100% at any time next year. Moss also showed a lack of interest and hustle at many times throughout the '09 season and it will be interesting to see what happens with him in 2010.

New England brought in Joey Galloway and Greg Lewis heading into 2009, but Galloway was never able to learn the offense or get on the same page with Brady, and was cut midway through the season.

Lewis was cut before the season began (and went on to be the hero of Minnesota's come-from-behind win over the 49ers in week three).

Rookie Julian Edelman, a converted quarterback, played much of 2009 with a broken arm, but showed that he has a lot of talent in a Wes Welker 2.0 mold. But the Patriots lacked a true outside receiver that could spread the field and complement Moss.

Sam Aiken had only caught 27 passes in his 6-year career heading into this season and was asked to go from a number five or six receiver (mostly a special teams player) to a starting receiver on the outside.

The difficulty of that task showed on the field. The Patriots are in need of a legitimate #2 receiver who can stretch the field on the outside.

Running back and tight end are also areas of need for New England.

Tight end Ben Watson showed flashes during his contract year, but he's shown the same inconsistent flashes of brilliance since his rookie season. Some team will sign Watson to a huge contract based on his athleticism and potential, but he won't be back in a Patriots jersey in 2010.

Chris Baker is also not a huge pass catching threat and the Pats have lacked a true down field threat at tight end since Ben Coates retired in 2000. Belichick likes to draft tight ends early, so I would expect the Pats to take one in the first or second round of this year's draft.

I'm not expecting the Patriots to draft a running back early this year, but it's still a huge area of need.

Fred Taylor played well at times but he's 34 years old and likely won't be back next year. Sammy Morris also showed his age and struggled with injuries throughout 2009. Kevin Faulk still has some gas left in the tank and the fan favorite will be back in 2010 as the team's third-down running back. But the biggest question mark at running back is of course Laurence Maroney.

Timeout with Teresa

By Teresa Dollfuss
Voice Reporter

I know I'm a little bit early and I shouldn't be thinking about this for probably another month, but I have Spring Training on the brain. I'm one of those people that checks ESPN and the Red Sox website throughout the off-season.

Pitchers and catchers report in less than a month, and the first Spring Training game for the Red Sox is March 3 against Northeastern University. Yes, I pay that close attention to the Red Sox.

The addition of John Lackey to the pitching staff was a major off-season acquisition and I can't wait to see him pitch in a Red Sox uniform. His arm will make the rotation much stronger in my opinion.

The loss of Jason Bay still hurts, and according to recent reports, the downfall of his coming back to Boston was a medical dispute. Apparently a physical in the early stages of negotiation in July revealed possible shoulder and knee problems. Therefore, the Red Sox altered their proposed contract for him by adding in the stipulation that he undergo minor knee surgery after the 2009 season. Bay then went for a second and third opinion, both of which contradicted the first.

That was the beginning of the end of negotiations.

Even with the loss of Bay, the Red Sox fared pretty well with off-season acquisitions, including outfielders Mike Cameron and Jeremy Hermida, and third baseman Adrian Beltre, along with John Lackey.

It will be interesting to see how the lineup looks this year, and how the Red Sox compensate for Bay's lost bat. Another interesting thing to see will be how often Jason Varitek plays since Victor Martinez joined the team the end of last season.

Then there are a few questions. Will Papi's bat come back to life this season? How often will Mike Lowell play with the new addition of Adrian Beltre?

All will be answered in due time, and I'm anxious to see Opening Day against the Yankees. Hopefully that kicks off the start of a good season.

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Westfield State Roundup

Owls swept in basketball doubleheader

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's men's and women's basketball teams played a home doubleheader Tuesday night against Fitchburg State College. Both teams played close games in front of a large crowd at the Woodward Center, but neither was able to come out victorious.

The women's team (7-11) tipped off the action with a 67-56 loss to Fitchburg. Westfield led early in both halves, but Fitchburg was able to keep the game within striking distance and eventually pulled ahead.

The score was close through most of the game and the halftime score was a 30-30 tie.

The Owls were down late in the game and were close to making a comeback, but Fitchburg hit all of their shots and free throws in the final few minutes and were able to pull away with the victory. Junior forward Ashley Finnegan led Westfield with 18 points and 8 rebounds while junior center Cassy Jouannet added 10 points and 3 rebounds.

The men's team (8-11) played in the second game and also lost a close game, 70-66. Westfield led at halftime by a score of 27-26, but Fitchburg's offense came out hot in the second half and got the better of the Owls' defense.

Fitchburg extended their second half lead to 61-51 with 7:32 remaining in the game, but Westfield was able to come back and make it a 64-61 game with 2:32 left. But Westfield was unable to hit a shot to tie the game and Fitchburg was able to ice the game with free throws.

Senior forward Joe Dicruttalo led the Owls with 15 points, 9 rebounds and 5 assists and freshmen center Matt Devine added 10 points, 8 rebounds and 6 blocks. Freshman guard Lee Vazquez also chipped in 13 points and 5 rebounds and sophomore guard Nate Pollard led all scorers with 16 points in the loss.

There was also a special ceremony held at halftime of the men's game honoring Westfield's volleyball team and Westfield cross-country runner Kerry Arouca for their outstanding performances during the fall sports season.

The women's volleyball team won the 2009 MASCAC Championship and earned a bid in the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time in the program's history. Kerry Arouca finished 19th overall at the NCAA Division III national women's cross country championships and was named a Division III All-American.

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Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Just be aware that if you're too busy stressing out on other issues this week, you could end up dropping the ball when it comes to some romantic situations. Try to split your time up evenly between work and social interactions.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You could find yourself feeling a little adventurous at the moment, but your family might be getting in your way a bit. There could be quite a few things to have to deal with around the house.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
A few issues involving your money situation might be on the agenda for you this week. And some financial disagreements with someone close to you could really end up putting a damper on things for you right now. You could be feeling a little opinionated this week.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Just remember to do your best to try to smooth over any difficult situations that might arise this week. It might be a little tough to avoid some conflicts with someone special right now, however if you remain level headed, things should be fine.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Even though your charisma level could be quite high this week, you might be a little too stressed out over some other issues to really be able to enjoy yourself. But don't worry. Even if you're not really able to do your own thing right now, you should be much better able to do what you want again before long.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Though you may be in a rather romantic frame of mind this week, be aware that your plans or intentions might be a bit misguided and you could end up feeling a little disappointed right now. So as much as you might like to let loose a bit, just realize that you may be better off keeping your feelings to yourself for the time being.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
Your family could be expecting a lot from you this week, but you may be feeling rather sociable at the moment and you might want to spend a little time with some good friends before the day is through. If you're really interested in going out and enjoying yourself though, just realize that there could be a few conflicts with those closest to you at this time.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You could find yourself very busy dealing with a number of different things at this time. You might be feeling a little opinionated and may not be on the same page with some of the important people in your life.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You might have a bit of a taste for adventure this week. But even though you might really feel like going off and enjoying some sort of romantic escape, a few financial issues could be holding you back.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Don't be surprised if you find yourself feeling a little moody or sensitive right now. Try not to be so absorbed with other things that you end up missing out on some romantic situations.

Aquarius
(January 21 -- February 19)
Even though there could be some real romantic opportunities available to you right now, you may be more inclined to want to keep to yourself. You might be too distracted by other matters to be able to fully focus on pursuing things quite yet.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
Even if you've got some work or other responsibilities you have to take care of at the moment, you might be more focused on wanting to have a good time with your friends right now. Get your work done first and then hang out with friends. You'll be glad you did in the end.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Guacamole Dip

3 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 teaspoons lime juice
1 teaspoon grated onion
¼ tsp of Tabasco
1 teaspoon salt
1 medium-sized tomato, peeled and finely chopped
3 peeled avocados, finely chopped

Steps

Grate onion
Stir together mayonnaise, lime juice, grated onion, Tabasco sauce and salt
Peel and chop tomato
Chop avocado well
Add tomato and avocado, mixing together gently
Mix everything together well
Sprinkle top with a few drops of extra lime juice
Cover tightly and refrigerate for 1 hour
Serve with tortilla or pita chips and salsa!

Enjoy!

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Friday 1/29	High 23 Low 12	Partly Cloudy
Saturday 1/30	High 26 Low 17	Few Snow Showers
Sunday 1/31	High 30 Low 18	Partly Cloudy
Monday 2/1	High 34 Low 22	Mostly Sunny
Tuesday 2/2	High 37 Low 23	Mostly Cloudy
Wednesday 2/3	High 38 Low 23	Partly Cloudy
Thursday 2/4	High 34 Low 23	Sunny

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Pancake breakfast with the President benefits Haiti

By Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

Photo courtesy of Caitlin Penndorf

Jenny Daverna, left, pictured with Dominique Price during the pancake breakfast with President Evan Doebelle on Monday night.

Every semester Westfield State's President Evan Dobelle invites students to his semi-annual "Pancakes with the President."

On Monday Feb. 1 at 11 p.m., students lined up to the array of breakfast foods served by faculty and Dobelle himself.This semester, however, the goal was to not only serve pancakes, but to raise money to help the people of Haiti.

"The pancake breakfast was so good," said Kristen Curtis, class of 2013. "The fact that they are raising money for Haiti makes it even better."

Robert Hummel of the class of 2013 said that the pancakes were tasty and that he can sleep in knowing that he already had breakfast the night before.

Westfield is putting on events throughout the semester to give back and raise money in efforts to help the victims of this disaster. Dominique Price is one of many students involved in helping raise money.

At the pancake breakfast she told The Westfield Voice how students at WSC can give back.

"We are basically looking for monetary donations," said Price. "That is the first phase." The second phase will be items. Things like clothing, food cans, perishable items, "things of that nature," said Price.

If you didn't give a donation at "Pancakes with the President", there are many other ways to give back on campus. There is a calendar around campus showing different events where donations can be made. This calendar was also emailed to the entire Westfield State community.

Future Events being held are Bake Sales, Dancing with the Professors and Brown Bag Bingo just to name a few. There will also be donation cans in every residence hall.

Along with these events is the Haiti benefit show, which will feature acts from the Night Owls, MTG, the dance club and the dance team, among other groups on campus. This show will take place on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Dever Auditorium. Tickets are $5 with a WSC ID and $10 without a WSC ID. All proceeds will go directly to Haitian relief funds.

Price hopes that WSC eamed at least $500 at the pancake breakfast. "Our goal for the end of the semester is $10,000"

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Taking courses overseas a great opportunity for students

By Kathryne Lentini
Voice Reporter

In this economy, the idea of studying abroad may seem like a distant dream for some students. Whether you are paying your own way through college, or seeking help from mom and dad, it seems like that semester in Australia or China is just financially out of reach. With the deadline for May courses on February 5th, I am writing this article to encourage you all (yes, even you seniors) to think again.

The Study Abroad Office here offers a multitude of opportunities for every student from full semester trips to shorter "J-Term" trips over winter break. The best part is that we as students are lucky enough to have the option of traveling internationally, or within the U.S. You could study and earn credits in a different country or state and more importantly, at an affordable price. This includes Jordan, Greece, Israel, India, and many others.

"I am glad that I did the J-Term trip to Italy because now I know I can be on my own and handle any situation," said senior Domenic Simone. "When I graduate in May, I know I will be able to move on and be independent because I was able to be in another country without my family and I learned a lot about myself by doing so."

Domenic studied in Italy over winter break of his junior year, which is a great option for students who want to take advantage of this great program, but may not want to miss out on a full semester.

Hannah Saunders, a senior majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Spanish completed a course in Puerto Rico over this past winter break. Saunders said, "I have a new appreciation for Puerto Rico and learned more in 18 days than I could have in a whole semester from a book. My Spanish improved, and we all bonded because we were sharing the experience for the first time too."

Taking a course in another culture is not only a great opportunity for a student to grow as an individual, but it will without a doubt strengthen any resume. In a more competitive job market, it could set you aside from everyone else when applying for a job.

Joey Harrington, a senior majoring in Criminal Justice also studied in Puerto Rico this winter. He said, "I think that studying abroad in Puerto Rico helped me learn more about a new culture, which is also my own since it is part of my heritage. I can bring that with me as a cop later on in my life."

The Study Abroad Office holds weekly information sessions in Parenzo 130 (the lobby) on Wednesdays (3-4) & Thursdays (2:30-3:30) and will be hosting an event on February 18th in the Scanlon living room from 5 PM to 7PM where students who have studied abroad will have tables set up by destination with pictures, slide shows, artifacts, and lots of first-hand knowledge.

Stop by and bring your friends. You can always stop by the office to speak to Director Cynthia Siegler or Administrative Assistant Lucia Sullivan. Visit the site: http://www.wsc.ma.edu/educationabroad/ or find us on Facebook: "International Programs at Westfield State College" if you have any questions about this wonderful program WSC offers.

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Davis Hall Commons

4:00 p.m.
DEADLINE to apply for May short-term courses in Costa Rica, Greece, India and Israel
International Programs Office, Parenzo Hall

7:30 p.m.
America's Next Great Star! Finals
Scanlon Banquet Hall

Saturday, February 6
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
PodCamp Western Mass 2
Registeronline at pcwm2.eventgbrite.com
$5/students; $20/general admission
Horace Mann Center

1:00 p.m.
Swimming and Diving vs. W.Conn
Ely Pool

Monday, February 8
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Semester At Sea Information Session!
Students/Fac/Staff study abroad!
Lammes Hall 1st Floor Lounge

7:00 p.m.
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4:00 p.m.
Info. Session: Disney College Program is coming to campus
Scanlon Banquet Hall "A"

WSC EMS Club: Unpaid and working hard

By Caitlin Penndorf
Editor-in-Cheif

Each year the Westfield State College Emergency Medical Services Unit responds to around 100 medical emergencies. They work from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. from Thursday to Saturday and donate much of their time to training and making sure students are safe. The best part? They do it all for free.

The group of approximately 25 people consists wholly of volunteers who not only are focused on responding to emergencies but also teaching those who are interested in learning about safety and emergency response.

"We can teach people CPR, first aid, they can become first responders and then if they really want to go all the way, the most we can offer them here at this college is actually the EMT (emergency medical teehnician) course," said senior Miehael Gage, the deputy chief of the club.

The course Gage refers to is a four credit academic course taught by Professor Ed Mello, who is also the advisor for the club.

The club is an estimated 15 years old, according to Niemi. It was begun when two students at the college had the qualifications to be first responders. They took to the campus with all of their own equipment and helped out students. Not long after, they teamed up with public safety and the two organizations began to work hand in hand. More people gained interest and the group gained more equipment and over the years it's developed into the organization that it is today.

Since most people aren't born with the knowledge of how to help a person in distress, becoming part of the organization doesn't require prior knowledge or experience. In fact, with the exception of the class, most of the training is done within the club.

"We train all of our own people," said junior Todd Niemi, the chief of the organization.

Niemi and Gage have been involved with the club for three years and are both are Massachusetts State certified EMT Basics.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "The EMT-Basic represents the first response of the emergency medical system. An EMT trained at this level is prepared to care for patients at the scene of an accident."

Along with being first responders, EMT-Basics are also trained to assess the condition of patients and to handle trauma, respiratory and cardiac emergencies, according to the Bureau. When public safety receives a call, they alert the EMTs that are on duty and those EMTs respond first to the emergency.

Along with working their Thursday through Saturday shifts, the members of the Emergency Medical Services Unit also work many of the major coilege events, such as Senate Banquet, Spring Weekend, Homecoming and Graduation. And while their volunteer hours are set, that doesn't necessarily mean that they won't have to work an extra hour if something comes up.

"Once something happens, it could be 10 at night, the minute you sign on, it could be three minutes before you get to leave, you'll get a call and you respond to that call," explained Gage.

Members of the organization work in groups of two with at least one EMT-Basic on duty. This comes in handy when they receive more than one call at a time.

The organization usually receives at least one call each Friday and Saturday night, but there are nights where they receive more. Last Saturday, Gage had three calls within the span of two hours.

So what compels these students to donate their time, energy, and Friday and Saturday nights to the organization? The answer is simpler than you'd expect.

"The best [part of being an EMT] is just, in general, helping people," said Gage.

That's right folks. The draw for these students is to help others. While the team has been working out of the goodness of their hearts, they do hope to have their jobs become paid positions.

"Currently, we're just volunteers but we're trying to work with the administration of the college in order to become a paid organization on campus," said Niemi.

If you're interested in joining or learning more about the organization, you can attend one of their meetings on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the Wilson Auditorium or e-mail the club at ems@wsc.ma.edu.

War against terrorism remains the "Health of the State"

By Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

Randolph Bourne never completed his essay titled, *The State*. He didn't live to see the long-term consequences of the "war to end all wars" or the "war to make the world safe for democracy" that he so vigorously opposed. Tragically, Bourne died at the age of 34, a victim of the Spanish flu endemic that swept across the world in 1918.

Over the course of his short life, after graduating from Columbia University, Bourne penned a series of essays that are as relevant today as they were then. Reading *War is the Health of the State*, one could easily forget at times that it was written during the era of "Wilsonian idealism," and think that it is instead an essay in response to the Bush administration's "Crusade for Democracy."

Though Bourne never saw WWII, the development of the national security state, the permanent war economy, the still-growing empire of over 1,000 known bases around the world, and the all-too related triumph of the military-industrial-complex in American society, as his works show, he didn't need to.

Photo courtesy of singlecitizen.org

Bourne was never able to finish his piece The State, which was discovered after his death.

Bourne's insight and deep understanding of the workings and nature of the modem state drew a straight line from the past to the future. He noted then, "Only when the State is at war does the modem society function with that unity of sentiment, simple uncritical patriotic devotion, cooperation of services, which have always been the ideal of the State lover." In the two decades prior to his birth and during Bourne's own lifetime, the United States solidified its control over the continental mainland and ventured abroad.

Gaining its own colonies during the war against Spain in 1898, the U.S. secured the Philippines by brutally crushing an insurrection that cost the lives of 4,500 American soldiers and an estimated 250,000 Filipinos. By the time of Bourne's death in 1918, U.S. presidents had ordered troops into America's hemispheric neighbors on several dozen occasions.

In *War is the Health of the State*, Bourne wrote, "The State is intimately connected with war, for it is the organization of the collective community when it acts in a political manner, and to act in a political manner towards a rival group has meant, throughout all history — war." Since WWII, the U.S. has essentially been in a state of perpetual war either directly or through proxy. From the time of Bourne's death to our own day, one can add another hundred or so cases to the list of military interventions.

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Bullying an issue to more than just kids

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

Bullying. It's something we may recall from our own childhood, back in elementary school. Someone took our lunch money or called us names. It's not only in elementary school that bullying, hazing, and harassing takes place, though.

Look around. A 15-year-old high school freshman in South Hadley that moved here from Ireland is dead. Dead because high school girls couldn't get enough bad-mouthing out of their systems. It led poor Phoebe Prince to commit suicide.

As reported from the Boston Globe, all Phoebe wanted was to be liked in this new and unfamiliar place.

As she made her way into the high school as a freshman, a senior football player took a liking to her and they had a quick fling. Because of that, she became the target of what the media is now referring to as "the Mean Girls."

These girls started following her around and harassing her with words such as "slut" and "Irish slut." It got so bad that they even started driving past Phoebe on her walk home from school.

On Jan. 14 they drove by and threw an energy drink out the window in her direction followed by an insult.

Phoebe, having had enough, kept on walking past the abuse and went into her house. She went into a closet and hanged herself, where her 12-year-old sister found her dead.

Photo courtesy of thegrandnarrative.wordpress.com
Bulling happens to all ages, races and genders.

All of that because she was a beautiful 15-year-old girl and a senior had liked her; because these "Mean Girls" couldn't hold back the insults.

The type of bullying these girls were doing to Phoebe was emotional and verbal. Verbal bullying is, according to bullyingstatistics.org, "when someone uses demeaning language to tear down another's self-image. Bullies who use verbal techniques excessively tease others, say belittling things and use a great deal of sarcasm with the intent to hurt the other person's feelings or humiliate the other teen in front of others."

Emotional bullying is, "getting someone else to feel isolated, alone and may even prompt depression. This type of bullying is designed to get others to ostracize the person being bullied."

The website also stated that about 30% of teenagers are involved in bullying, whether they are the bully or the person being bullied.

Bullyingstatistics.org stated, "These activities can lead to depression (and even suicide), drug use and stunted social development."

One would think that after causing so much trouble to a girl who meant no harm, that after causing someone's death, the bullying would stop. But no; these girls went on Facebook and mocked her in death.

So far, as the Boston Globe has reported, these Mean Girls haven't confessed. Let's hope for all that is good that eventually they will. These girls need to be taught a serious lesson if they think what they are doing is okay.

So please, if you are a bully or have bullied, stop. Just because someone is different or gets a guy/girl that you want, doesn't make them a bad person. Don't hurt them so bad that it leads them to do what Phoebe Prince did. It does happen, as one can see, and it's not fair. College is a time for growing up, not for belittling others and making them feel smaller than they are.

Phoebe Prince meant no harm and now no one will ever get to see the good person she would have become. Don't be like the Mean Girls, stop and think about what you're doing when you go to bully someone. And who knows? You might actually make a new friend.

If you or someone you know is a victim of bullying, the best thing to do is talk to someone you trust, whether it be a friend, parent, sibling, counselor or even professor. Allowing someone to know what you're going through is the first step to help ending bullying.

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Risk of wind turbine not all it's cracked up to be

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

So last week I strayed from the environment topics to do a feature story on Ely Lounge, which I'm sure all of you enjoyed. But don't be alarmed; I'm back to the routine this week with something that really rips me the wrong way.

I know you guys are aware of wind energy and the use of wind turbines to harness the mighty power of the unseen.

But I wonder if you've heard about the particular reason why wind turbines are controversial other than the fact that they are "aesthetically unpleasing" (and expensive).

Didn't you know? Wind turbines kill a significant number of birds, so much that we should boycott their construction completely because they have such a huge impact on avian mortality.

Hmm…well, what about all the birds (and other species) that we hit with our automobiles?

We should probably stack all of our cars into a giant pile and burn them until they're nothing but charred, metal shells. It's only fair, right?

I mean, if we're not going to use wind power because it endangers the birds then we have to take care of all the areas of endangerment….

Photo courtesy of thefutureofthings.com
The benefit of wind turbines seems to outweigh the drawbacks.

Here's a fun stat from the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA): automobiles kill 60 to 80 million birds every year.

That's quite a bit if you ask me. But wait, there's more: power lines – 130 to 174 million bird deaths; windows – 100 million to 1 *billion*; pesticides – 70 million; lighted communication towers – 40 to 50 million.

Still worried about the effect the wind turbines are having?

The AWEA has some statistics on them too. Wind-generated power facilities cause a whopping 40,000 avian deaths per year (and that's the high-end number).

Feral and domestic cats kill hundreds of millions more. Wisconsin alone has about 40 million a year that are killed by cats.

There was a report released in December 2002 called, "Effects of Wind Turbines on Birds and Bats in Northeast Wisconsin."

Dr. Robert Howe, Amy Wolf, and ornithological consultant William Evans concluded that over the two-year study period there was a mortality rate of 1.29 birds per tower per year.

The report stated, "Previous studies suggest that the frequency of avian collisions with wind turbines is low, and the impact of wind power on bird populations today is negligible.

Our study provides little evidence to refute this claim." Granted this was eight years ago, but I feel like the danger of wind turbines hasn't increased very significantly since then.

What we have here is an example of sensationalism. "Professional journalists" as they're called write about the havoc being wreaked on the avian community by wind energy structures without doing proper research on the issue or without even thinking for that matter. It's pretty obvious to me that our automobiles cause more death than a handful of glorified windmills – I don't need any statistics to realize that. Wind turbines are *not* a hazard to birds.

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Student of the Week

Mike Luccitelli
Senior
Criminal Justice

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
I don't think I'd want to be another celebrity. I want to celebrity, but not someone else.

If you could only listen to three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, Bob Dylan

What's the last movie your saw in theaters?
Avatar

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?
The people, everyone seems to be pretty nice.

What's your favorite meal?
Boneless buffalo wings.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
I have no idea, hopefully get a job someday. I hope to be a stay at home daddy-mama.

Is your bed made right now?
It's always made, every morning.

What is your favorite material object?
My laptop, because I'm always on it.

Advertise yourself:
Everyone says I have a distinct long face, I guess I'm pretty honest and get a nice personality.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email ***thevoice@wsc.ma.edu*** *and tell us why.*

Bourne's writing still true today

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military interventionism picked up drastically with the demise of the Soviet Union. Panama in 1989, Kuwait and Iraq in 1990-1991, Somalia in 1992-1993, Haiti in 1994, Yugoslavia in 1995, the Sudan and Afghanistan in 1998, Kosovo in 1999, Afghanistan in 2001, Iraq in 2003, Haiti again in 2004, Somalia again in 2006, Syria in 2008, increasingly Pakistan since 2008, and Yemen in 2009 (along with many smaller scale and covert actions), have all been the locations of American military deployments or seen the projection of American military power since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Considering that the U.S. Air Force regularly bombed Iraq throughout the 1990s, very few of us can actually remember a day that the U.S. was not at war or one where American troops were not involved in a combat-related deployment. The fact that America's "architects of policy" have done this all in a manner that can at least be partially buried under the next infotainment news headline or reality TV show, demonstrates the effectiveness of the state at achieving what Bourne referred to as the "peacefulness of being at war."

The state's wars have and will continue to cost the American people dearly. The burdeo placed on our servicemen and women and their families is immense. It is also exploitive. Could George Washington have imagined to the extent that America's future leaders would ignore his words? In his farewell address, Washington declared, "The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible."

Could Thomas Jefferson have foreseen the way his saying, "peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none," would be completely disregarded? When Congressman Ron Paul advocated precisely these positions in a 2007 Republican presidential debate, his fellow candidates condemned him. Republican National Committee chairman Michael Steele even said that Paul shouldn't be allowed to participate in future debates.

Today, America's hawkish politicians have their eyes set on new wars. Never letting a good crisis go to waste, the Christmas Day airline bombing attempt became the pretext for extending further support to Yemen's military régime and increasing the U.S. military presence in the country (both of which were underway long before the attempted bombing). It also became a new excuse for the bipartisan exercise of restricting the rights and liberties of the American people.

On January 28th, the Senate passed its version of the Iran-Petroleum Sanctions Bill. Though the differences between the House and Senate bills still must be resolved, unlike so-called healthcare reform, a measure taking the American people closer to war with Iran did not even warrant a major debate in Congress.

The American people are simply supposed to believe that a country whose conventional missiles can reach Europe poses an existential threat to the United States (never mind the fact that America's Indian ally, with the support of the U.S. government, is building Inter-Continental-Ballistic-Missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads to North America).

President Obama warned Iran about the "growing consequences" it will face during his State of the Union address last week. It has been reported that the Pentagon is placing interceptor missiles in the Persian Gulf states and that American troops are carrying out exercises with their American-equipped and trained militaries.

Before the Senate's vote for sanctions, John McCain declared on the floor, "The situation in Iran is terrible and it's worsening. People are dying in Iran as we speak."

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Editor's Desk

I officially gave in and created a Twitter account today. Let me tell you, it's not the simplest thing in the world. I have no idea what the term "@reply" means and it's somewhat overwhelming trying to find your friends on it. Luckily for me, my roommate has also decided to take the Twitter plunge so we're learning together. At least I can shamelessly find out what Kim Kardashian is up to from the comfort of my own apartment.

If you're using Twitter, e-mail us and tell us what you think! Whether you're a rookie or more experienced, we want to know! E-mail us at thevoice@wsc.ma.edu.

That about covers it. I hope everyone has a great weekend!

Cait Penndorf
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The Westfield Voice
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SUPER PHIPPS LIQUORS
This Saturday:
Pre-Super Bowl Super
Bowl party at the Man Cave.

Must be 21+ to enter.
We have ping pong, beer tasting,
big screen TV.
Saturdays and Sundays 12-3.
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MUST BE 21 TO ENTER STORE!

Parking continues to be a problem

Nothing in this world is perfect; few things are close. One of those close things is not the parking set up here at Westfield State College. Commuter, Main lot, South, or Faculty/Staff, you've all more than likely fallen victim to the lack of parking spaces on this campus. Stories of students running late to class, circling around commuter lot like Piranha waiting for a meal, permeate throughout the halls, in frustrated dialogue, and on Facebook through angry status updates. It's getting ridiculous and we can only hope the frustration is being noticed.

One would imagine this would be a solvable problem. We can put a man on the moon but we can't figure out how to structure our parking lots so that commuters, residents and faculty/staff can all fit their cars reasonably and efficiently on one campus without the hassle of having to hike back from South lot? C'mon. Who is going to believe that one?

Lets take a look at the facts about the system. Commuters have the one large (but still incredibly under-sized and cramped) lot behind Bates and Wilson where most commuters cram their cars. There is the lot next to Ely, which is usually filled to capacity by 10:30, and a couple spots in the Juniper Park lot half way down against the fence; the first 20 are reserved for (but rarely filled with) faculty/staff members. The residents park close to the halls in main lots, which skirt the buildings. They pay more for these spots which, are first-come, first-served...and usually there are more stickers sold than spaces available. At least, it seems that way, when commuters find "C" decal spots filled by cars sporting "M" decals, a sight which brings on one of those awesome sinking feelings you get when you're running late and know you're screwed.

There are stories of faculty members parking in commuter spots and not being ticketed. How is that fair? We pay for our spots! They have their own designated area to park and we have ours. Surely, if a commuter parked in a faculty/staff spot, the ticket cop (the arch nemesis of the student body) would cruise over as fast as his golf cart thing could carry him and write them up for violating such a sacred rule.

Obviously, the college is growing. The enrollment at WSC has increased; improvements are constantly being made to the facilities and the general surroundings are constantly being improved. The environment surrounding the school is far more positive than it has been in recent years. That being said, don't you think we could add a couple more parking spaces? Or fix the way we operate that system? Its easy enough to count the number of spaces you have for commuters and sell ONLY that many stickers; first-come, first-served; Or ONLY the number of main lot stickers equal to the number of spaces. You see what we're getting at, don't you? Its not rocket science.

Short of trying to raise more revenue, don't you think that selling only as many decals for main/commuter/faculty-staff spaces as exist is a wise idea? South Lot stickers cost the same as commuter stickers and people are going to want their cars on campus? Just run a shuttle every 35 minutes from the main campus to South Lot; you'll still sell those decals.

One would imagine that a happy student body is more important than making a couple extra bucks selling parking decals. Then again, if that could be imagined, there would be no reason for this to be published.

Editor's Desk

Hello everyone!

Tonight at The Voice Cait Penndorf tried to convince me to create a Twitter account. I'm not to sure how I feel about this concept. My roommate has one, and a few of my professors have them, but I'm not to sure I understand the concept. I think I'll stick to Facebook for now!

I am currently only taking two classes due to my six credit internship at The Northampton Gazette, and one of those classes happens to be History of Magic and Witchcraft! I'm loving it! If you are enjoying your classes and would like to talk about it, email The Voice at thevoice@wsc.ma.edu!

Have a great weekend!

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WSC OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES
EVENTS OF INTEREST - 2010

1. Friday, January 29th - February 1: MIT 2010 European Career Fair; 9:00am-5:00pm; MIT Campus, Cambridge, MA; www.euro-career.com
2. Tuesday, February 9th: UMass ALANA Career Fair; 1:00-5:00pm; UMass Student Union Ballroom, Amherst, MA; www.umass.edu
3. Thursday, February 11th: Northeastern Career Fair; 2:00-6:00pm; Cabot Cage, Boston, MA; www.careerservices.neu.edu
4. Thursday, February 11th: UMass Summer Co-op & Internship Fair 2010; 10:00am-3:00pm; UMass Campus Center, Amherst, MA; www.umass.edu
5. Tuesday, February 16th: Springfield Falcons Career Fair; 4:30-7:00pm; MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA; www.falconsahl.com
6. Wednesday, February 24th: WSC Communication Network Event; 5:00-7:00pm; WSC Scanlon Hall, Westfield, MA; Open to all majors; For more info. call Career Services 413-572-5206
7. Thursday, February 25th: WSC Peace Corps at Dunkin Donuts Coffee Chat Event; 3:00-5:00pm; WSC Dunkin Donuts, Westfield, MA; Open to all majors; For more info. call Career Services 413-572-5206
8. Tuesday, March 2nd: GARP/Environmental Science Networking Event; 5:00-7:00pm; WSC Scanlon Hall, Westfield, MA; Open to all majors; For more info. call Career Services 413-572-5206
9. Wednesday, March 3rd: Student Teacher Networking Event; 3:30-5:00pm; WSC Scanlon Banquet Hall, Westfield, MA; For more info. call Career Services 413-572-5206
10. Thursday, April 1st: CCCWM Job Fair; 12:00-4:00pm; American International College, Gym, Springfield, MA; www.aic.edu or www.cccwmjobs.com
11. Saturday, April 10th: Sports Management & Entertainment Executive Lecture & Career Fair; 3:30-7:30pm; Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, MA; www.gillettestadium.com or 508-698-8590
12. Thursday, April 22nd: WSC Spring Career Fair; 1:30-4:00pm; WSC Woodward Center, Westfield, MA; www.wsc.ma.edu/careerservices
13. Friday, April 23rd: MERC Job Fair; Massachusetts Educational Recruiting Consortium; 9:30am-3:30pm; Northeastern University Curry Campus Ctr., Boston, MA; www.mercjobfair.com

Blood Drive

Wednesday, February 17th
Parnezo Gym
1 - 7 p.m.

Sign up in the DC the week of February 8th
Walk-ins welcome!

Volunteer for service hours!
Please contact Barbara Hand or LeAnn Thompson
572-5429
First come, first serve basis!
All presenting donors will receive a long sleeve Bruins t-shirt courtesy of the Red Cross!

American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

GREG NORMAN

On February 10th, 1955, Greg Norman was born.

Nicknamed The Great White Shark, Norman stormed onto the scene on the PGA Tour in 1980 and by the middle of the decade, he was one of the games best.

He won two majors in his career (The British Open in 1986 and 1993) to go along with 18 other tournament wins but is remembered best for the heart-breaking man-ner in which he lost so many Major tournaments. Eight times he finished second; third, four times.

In consecutive major tournaments, he lost on last-shot hole-outs. Since the end of his playing days, Norman has continued to contribute to the golf world with his multi-national corporation Great White Shark Enterprises, which primarily focuses on advancements in the game of golf, involving the golf lifestyle and The Greg Norman Estate wineries, which have become one of the top-selling national brands.

Greg Norman

ARTHUR MILLER

Known as one of the great American playwrights and essayists, Arthur Miller was born on October 17th, 1915.

Miller's career spanned seven decades and produced some of the greatest works of the last century; his plays *The Crucible* and *Death of a Salesman* are integral parts of our academic and theatric cannons and are produced worldwide with great frequency. In 1949, *Death of a Salesman* became the first play to win the Tony award for Best Author, New York Drama Critiques Circle Award and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. It was the first time any play had ever swept all three awards. In 1956, Miller was married to Marilyn Monroe.

Arthur Miller

The relationship however, failed and the two were divorced in Mexico in 1961. Miller passed away on February 10th, 2005. Though he is gone, his works and legacy live on in theater companies across the county.

THE BEATLES

February 11th, 1964 is a particularly important day in music history for one reason; The Beatles.

It was on this day in Washington DC that the mop-topped foursome of John, Paul, George and Ringo debuted in the United States.

It was to be the first of thousands of shows and a love affair that has stood the test of time and is still celebrated today.

The day before the show at Washington Coliseum, The Beatles played the Ed Sullivan show for the first time. It was estimated that 74 million viewers watched the show, or 40 percent of the American population.

The Beatles

By April, the British Invasion was well underway and The Beatles held down twelve of the top 100 spots on the Billboard Hot 100 list, including sports one through five.

The Beatles disbanded in 1970, never to play all together again.

Bachelor season heats up in forteenth season

By Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

For those of you who have never watched an episode of The Bachelor, it is never too late to jump on the bandwagon. This show is about one man on his quest to find true love.

What may seem like your typical reality show, The Bachelor was one of the originals. The lucky bachelor gets to choose between 25 women, all of whom are in pursuit to be the object of his desire.

This season's bachelor is Jake Pavelka, a 32-year old pilot from Dallas, Texas. We first met Pevelka last season on The Bachelorette when Bachelorette Jillian Harris sent him home. It is his turn now to find love. He started off with 25 single women and now, after last Monday's episode, is down to four.

This season, just like any reality show, has had its dramatic moments, from chemical imbalanced women to a crew/contestant love affair. But that has not stopped Pevelka from sending girls home and finding someone that is right for him.

Last Monday's episode started on the end of a road trip up the California coast. At this point there are five women left: Tenley, Gia, Corrie, Vienna, and Ali, a native of Williamstown, Massachusetts. Tensions have erupted among the girls because the four other women think that Vienna is not right for Pevelka. She comes off as self-absorbed and very forward. She also has a reputation of talking about the other girls behind their backs. Although the other girls are not smitten with Queen Vienna, Pevelka himself happens to be just that.

There are three one-on-one dates and a two-on-one date. The first one-on-one date was with Tenley, 25 from Newberg, Oregon. Pevelka takes Tenley sightseeing in San Francisco. After that, they visit San Francisco's famous China Town. Tenley was married before and Pevelka asks her if she has learned from her marriage. She tells him that her mistake was not greeting her husband every time he came home and she is looking to do that again.

Image courtesy of theinsider.com
Jake Pavelka is season 14's "Bachelor."

Next is the two-on-one date with Gia and Queen Vienna. The Queen is very self-absorbed and making sure she is the one who gets all of Pevelka's attention. Pevelka takes Gia on one-on-one time and convinces her that she is not a third wheel. They have a nice time until Queen Vienna follows them and interrupts their time together.

The next one-on-one is with Corrie. They take a walk in the park and have dinner in a museum. Corrie is the only woman who has not kissed Pevelka yet and their relationship is not progressing as fast as the other girls. He has some questions for her and learns that she is saving herself for marriage.

Finally, his last one-on-one is with Ali. Originally from Massachusetts, she now resides in San Francisco. The tables turn and she is the one who gets to lead the date. She takes him through her neighborhood and to all her favorite spots. They have a talk about what she thinks about Vienna and she says, "I just want you to be happy."

At the rose ceremony, host Chris Harrison tells the girls that Pevelka will be meeting the four remaining women's families. Still, he has to make a decision of who he is letting go tonight. When the last rose is on the table, he is left to choose from Corrie and Vienna. He gives the last rose to Vienna and Virgin Corrie is sent packing.

Next week, the women get to introduce Pevelka to their families. Jake Pavelka will be shipping up to Boston to meet Ali's family in Williamstown. The real question is, when will Queen Vienna be dethroned?

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Campus Announcements

Spring 2010 Speaker Series Presents
The Onion

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010
Reception: 6 p.m.
Presentation: 7 p.m.
Woodward Center

Art Show
From Westfield to New York: Nevartte Bedrossian Retrospective
Thursday, Feb. 25 - Sunday, March 7
Arno Maris Gallery
Reception: March 5
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Haiti Benefit Show

Thursday, February 25
7:30 p.m.
Dever Auditorium

$5 w/student ID
$10/without student ID

All proceeds go to Haiti relief efforts

Performers include the Night Owls, Dance Team, Dance Club, MTG and more!

Vagina Monologues

March 26 - 27, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Dever Stage, Parenzo Hall

Top 10 Albums
1. Various Artists - Hope for Haiti Now
2. Susan Boyle - I Dreamed a Dream
3. Lady Gaga - The Fame
4. Spoon - Transference
5. Various Artists - 2010 Grammy Nominees
6. Vampire Weekend - Contra
7. Alicia Keys - The Element of Freedom
8. KeSha - Animal
9. Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.
10. Taylor Swift - Fearless

Top 10 Singles
1. KeSha - TiK ToK
2. Taylor Swift - Today Was a Fairytale
3. Lady Gaga - Bad Romance
4. Young Money - BedRock
5. Justin Bieber - Baby
6. Iyaz - Replay
7. David Guetta - Sexy Chick
8. Jay-Z + Alicia Keys - Empire State of Mind
9. Rihanoa - Hard
10. Train - Hey Soul Sister

Top Movies
1. Avatar
2. Edge of Darkness
3. When in Rome
4. Tooth Fairy
5. The Book of Eli

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Lil Wayne - Rebirth
2. Jamie Foxx - Body
3. Rob Zombie - Hellbilly Deluxe II
4. Peter Gabriel - Scratch My Back
5. Story of the Year - Constant

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Couples Retreat
2. A Dangerous Man
3. Law Abiding Citizen
4. Dead Snow
5. 2012

Upcoming Video Games
1. Dante's Inferno
2. Earthworm Jim
3. BioShock 2
4. Aliens vs Predator
5. Fireburst

Upcoming Rock Band downloadable content
Going Country 03:
1. Montgomery Gentry - Gone
2. Rascal Flatts - Me and My Gang
3. Willie Nelson - On the Road Again
4. Kenny Chesney - She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy
5. Trace Adkins - Swing
6. Sara Evans - Suds in the Bucket

Guitar Hero 5 content
Breaking Benjamin 3-pack:
1. Sooner or Later
2. Until the End
3. Give Me a Sign

Time Machine

by Franny Zupancic
www.contrabandwrestling.com
"Off the Ropes" 10pm-12am
Wednesdays on WSKB 89.5

Top Ten Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Snubs

The 2010 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony is right around the corner, and this year's class of rock royalties include The Stooges, Genesis, The Hollies, Jimmy Cliff, and Abba.

Yes, the folks who brought "Dancing Queen" to the masses and could possibly be blamed for "Mamma Mia" are receiving recognition as rock and roll legends.

While some critics may go as far as calling the museum a "piss stain," like 2006 inductees The Sex Pistols, millions still will tune in to see the live ceremony on Fuse on March 15. However, the criticism is well warranted as year-after-year many deserving bands are snubbed from the nomination process. Here are ten bands that I feel should be a shoe-in for the Hall.

10. Peter Frampton
Eligible since 1997
Reason: Frampton Comes Alive! Frampton is #10 on this list out of fairness for being the king of the mountain in last week's top ten list of talk box songs. After being eligible for over a decade, the talk box innovator has not even been nominated for voting.
Listen to: Frampton Comes Alive! (1976)

9. Stevie Ray Vaughan
Eligible since 2008
Reason: He's Stevie Ray Vaughan!
Vaughan may have died young in a helicopter crash but left behind a legacy for aspiring guitarists across all genres. From metal to pop to jazz, the Texas bluesman has inspired guitarists of all genres. He's only been eligible since 2008, and has been nominated. He's probably a 'lock' for 2011 now that Jeff Beck is out of the way and the 'virtuoso guitarist' slot is open again.
Listen to: Live Alive (1986)

8. Heart
Eligible since 2001
Reason: Heart has been a staple of classic rock radio since their debut, and the Wilson sisters have inspired countless female performers follow.
Listen to: Heart (1985)

7. Iron Maiden
Eligible since 2002
Reason: Influenced Metallica, whom purchased at least a small handful out of the 100 million records sold worldwide, before embarking on a Hall of Fame career themselves. Leading the New Wave of British Heavy Metal movement, Iron Maiden influenced the metal world with their dual guitar lead style.
Listen to: The Number of the Beast (1982)

6. Motorhead
Eligible since 2002
Reason: Just like Iron Maiden, Motorhead inspired 2009 inductees Metallica. Metallica may have been far more commercially successful, but any members of the band would probably humbly agree that Motorhead paved the way.
Listen to: Overkill (1979) and Motorizer (2008). They are just as good today as they were thirty years ago.

5. Boston
Eligible since 2001
Reason: Boston belongs in the Hall of Fame. The late Brad Delp demonstrated fantastic vocal range on Boston albums. Guitarist Tom Scholz invented 'the Rockman,' a handheld headphone guitar amplifier, later used by Journey, ZZ Top, and Def Leppard. Boston's selftitled album has been certified 17x platinum, the second best-selling debut album of all-time.
Listen to: Boston (1976)

4. Dick Dale
Eligible since 1987
Reason: If Stevie Ray Vaughan isn't inducted in 2011, one acceptable reason could be the induction of surf-rock pioneer Dick Dale. Dale has been snubbed for over 20 years, most likely due to his 'independent' style of self-promotion and self-marketing. Dale oversees all production aspects of his material, cutting out the money hungry middle men known as record labels. Since this isn't a corporate-friendly tactic, it's no surprise he hasn't yet gotten the nod. He does deserve it, however. Dale is still touring at age 72.
Listen to: King of the Surf Guitar: The Best of Dick Dale & The Del-Tones (1989)

Image courtesy of fabandfabber.wordpress.com
The Moody Blues are longoverdue for an induction to the Rock Hall.

3. Patsy Cline
Eligible since 1982
Reason: Patsy Cline has influenced nearly every country artist who has followed in her footsteps after her untimely death in 1963. Despite only releasing three albums of original material, her posthumous album releases have cemented her into history books as one of the all-time greats. Her greatest hits album (1967) reached 10x Multi-Platinum status.
Listen to: Patsy Cline's Greatest Hits (1967)

2. Deep Purple
Eligible since 1993
Reason: Metal fans alone should be holding the torch for Deep Purple's induction, as there should be recognition for the deep influence "Machine Head" had on the budding genre. Anyone who has ever picked up a guitar has probably played the iconic opening chords to "Smoke on the Water."
Listen to: Machine Head (1972)

1. The Moody Blues
Eligible since 1989
Reason: 50 million albums sold worldwide, and still touring. The Moody Blues influenced everyone's favorite band: The Beatles. Original Moodies' pianist Mike Pinder introduced Lennon and McCartney to the 'mellotron' for the first time, which was used for "Strawberry Fields Forever." The Moody Blues used mellotron on their 1967 album, "Days of Future Passed," a concept album based on the different times of the day. While the Beatles beat the Moodies to the punch with the differences of release times for "Fields" and "Days of Future Passed," "Fields" would have been quite different without the use of the mellotron. Before Lennon and McCartney, there was Mike Pinder, and before Apple Corps, there was Threshold Records.
Listen to: Any Moody Blues album released in the 1960s or 1970s.

Liverman Brad Garone to appear on Three Men and a Mic

Front man Ross Livermore and guitarist Brad Garone from The Ross Livermore Band are scheduled to appear at the three o'clock hour on WSKB's Three Men and a Mic radio show at Westfield State College in Westfield, MA. The Three Men and a Mic radio show and blog was started primarily as a sports commentary and news talk show, but recently got involved in promoting local music.

Due to the success of hosting the first live acoustic set in December 2008 with singer/song writer Thomas Kelley, the guys searched for the next band to welcome into WSKB's brand new studio. The sarcastic guys from the talk show, which premiered in the fall of 2006, all strongly agreed on the The Ross Livermore Band from Peabody, MA for this year's set.
The show airs Fridays 2-4 PM with the first hour devoted to sports talk followed by a special live acoustic set by Livermore and Garone.

Livermore, along with his band, is set to release their new album, Lost and Found on April 3rd of this year. The lead singer says his influences musically range from legends like Stevie Wonder to Incubus. People are starting to respond to Livermore's soulful sound and creative lyrics.

"Trying to make something out of nothing is hard and exhausting. But at the same time people are starting to take notice," the songwriter mentioned about the creative process of the business. "I just try to keep it new and fresh."

Pushing the mute button on famous bands, Livermore says his biggest influence comes from the back of the stage in his drummer and best friend, Paul Dumas, who he has been playing with for the majority of his musical career.

"If he [Dumas] wasn't in this band it wouldn't be what it is. He and I have such a connection musically and as friends..." he said in an interview, "He brings this energy, this life to the songs that I don't think any other person in the world could bring."

When asked about the next step for the band, Livermore gave a simple but logical response, "We will do the release in April and then try to tour as much as we can, try to play for as many people as we can, wherever we can. Hopefully it will all work out."

For more information on The Ross Livermore Band visit their website, RossLivermore.com.

Catch Three Men and a Mic on WSKB 89.5, Fridays 2-4 PM.

Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

I am sure no one can blame former President Bush for wanting to go to war after 9/11. That was an unbelievably horrible time for America and as president, Bush wanted them to suffer like they had made us suffer.

Two wrongs may not make a right, but in the case of protecting a whole country of people, Bush had to administer this war.

Intelligence had told him it was Al Qaeda, led by Osama Bin Laden, in Afghanistan. The original purpose of the war was to find Bin Laden and either bring him to trial or kill him. After a while of not being able to find and capture Bin Laden, the US began to go after an easier target, one that we were more familiar with: Saddam Hussein.

Hussein claimed to have weapons of mass destruction and Bush's intelligence confirmed that. After Bush's plea with Hussein to open his country for inspection and Hussein's refusal, Bush finally declared war. Bush captured Hussein and dismantled the armed forces of the Iraqi country.

We are there today because the country is still under attack from within its own borders from extremists who do not want the US involved in the Middle East business. Others also agree with the extremists and have people in Iraq fighting Americans today.

When Obama took office, he said that the war in Afghanistan was the more important one and we have to go after, and get. Bin Laden. He then sent more troops there, not only to find Bin Laden, but to help the Afghans to police their own country.

It is important that we remain there so that the Taliban does not grow even stronger and so that Al Qaeda doesn't decide to retaliate and come back into the United States.

Obama wants the troops in Iraq to be removed and seeing as the Iraqi's are getting better trained and better equipped, we may be able to leave within the year.

With that said, people are not blaming President Obama for the wars because everyone knows they were Bush's wars. The weapons of mass destruction and the start of the Iraq/ Afghanistan war was definitely Bush.

I do believe, however, that Bush did the right thing by going to Iraq, even though the weapons of mass destruction threat proved false. While there, we did manage to take out a dictator who killed millions of innocent people. The world is better off without him.

Bush's hard work paid off in Iraq. Afghanistan needed more attention and finally after months of contemplation, Obama has done the right thing by sending more troops.

Neither of these wars began because of Obama, but he does have the opportunity to end both of them successfully.

What I'm trying to say is that people do blame Bush for starting these wars, but we are just counting on Obama to do the right thing when it comes to finishing the wars and protecting us as Americans.

Photo courtesy of georgebush-whitehouse.com
Former President George Bush sits at his desk in the White House.

The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Former president George W. Bush has kept a low profile since Barack Obama took office last year. He has all but disappeared from the media's eye with news of him surfacing only recently as he has joined with former president Bill Clinton in relief efforts for Haiti. Although his name has not come up in domestic policy recently, his name was mentioned in the international world.

Last week, Tony Blair, former British prime minister, faced an inquiry into his dealings with George W. Bush about the invasion of Iraq in 2003. Coming under fire for an alleged secret deal with Bush, Blair testified that he did not make any covert deals with the former president, but that he publicly declared that Britain was going to be with the United States in "confronting and dealing with this threat." Protesters gathered outside, expressing their desire to see Blair held responsible for bringing Great Britain into the Iraq War.

The question remains: if Britain, the mother country, can hold its former leader accountable, why can't the United States? This is not about some sort of Bush-bashing crusade to get the former president in trouble. No, this is about the law.

The Constitution of the U.S. says that a president "shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors." Of course, Bush isn't president anymore and he can't be impeached. But that does not mean he should have an excuse for not appearing in front of an inquiry to determine whether or not he should be punished or reprimanded for war crimes. He is a former American president but that does not mean he is immune to inquiries or should be excused from punishment.

Mr. Bush is guilty of lying to the people of the United States, waging an unnecessary war, and endangering the lives of the armed forces of the United States. It is not that his political positions are too conservative or that he made some bad foreign policy decisions. It is rather that his administration allowed an unnecessary, expensive, and costly war to begin, which also resulted in the lives of many Americans and Iraqis. In the process, his administration damaged the reputation of the U.S. abroad while ignoring the main threats in other parts of the Middle East. Everybody knows now that Saddam Hussein never had weapons of mass destruction.

So the question remains: what about justice? What about the families of those who have fallen? Where is the justice for the death of their sons or daughters? Where is the justice for the thousands of Iraqis who died and continue to die in Iraq?

Americans can make memorials and keep soldiers in their thoughts and memories, but ultimately, who is going to be responsible? I think it is the man who is sitting in his Texas ranch writing a book about his failed presidency. He is responsible. Why doesn't the United States Congress have an inquiry for him?

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Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay

In America we love the underdog. We love our teams and we appreciate greatness when it presents itself.

Tiger Woods is the greatest we've ever seen in golf or perhaps, in any other sport. His foil forever has been Phil Mickelson, the everyman with immortal talent. Mickelson has spent his entire career in the shadow of Tiger Woods, never rising higher than number two in the world rankings.

This year may be his best chance yet to move up in the rankings to where he already is in our hearts; number one.

Tiger is (er, was) perfect. He was (er, is) the assassin. He is the marksmen, the sharp shooter, the guy you want putting the 15-footer for your life. Phil is, in many ways, the average Joe's hero. He's the risk taker. He's you and me with a sponsorship deal and talent. Tiger is appreciated more than he is loved. Phil is loved more than he is appreciated.

Until recently, Tiger was human only in a biological sense. He never got in trouble. He stayed out of the tabloids. He was the model pitchman and in almost as many commercials as Peyton Manning and Billy Mays.

On the course, his focus was unmatched, his grit and toughness, unquestioned (or if it were ever questioned, that stopped following the 2007 US Open) and it seemed like with every shot he made, we were holding our breath, waiting to witness history.

With Tiger, you know you're watching greatness. Whether you're witnessing a run-of-the-mill 18-stroke win in the (insert local company name) classic in Anywhere, USA or you're watching him mount a four-stroke comeback on Sunday at Augusta; There is no doubt in your mind this is greatness.

Obviously in the last month or so, unless you've been in a coma, you've heard about the "transgressions" which have effected not only his career, but permanently tarnished his previously picture-perfect legacy. The question now is how will he be received upon his return? Now that it's come out that he is in "sex addiction rehabilitation," will there be a semblance of sympathy when he returns? How will he be remembered when it is all said and done?

How about Phil? Phil has been about as human as you can get. His wife and mother both battled/are battling cancer. He famously said, "I'm such an idiot" after his Winged Foot US Open collapse, verbalizing a thought that anyone who's ever walked 18 before has had.

His maverick attitude toward shot making helps create the affinity we have for him because who among us hasn't lined up a three-iron punch through a six-inch window off of hard pan and thought, "I got this."

Part of the lure with Mickelson is that you don't know what you're going to get. Sure, you're watching greatness then, too, but a different kind of greatness. Phil is the people's champion. He's the guy you want to root for because he reminds you of you if you had game.

With Phil, you don't know whats going to happen. He could pull away and dazzle you with his short game or he could spray the driver left and right all day and crash and burn in a fashion only rivaled by the Hindenburg. Either way, you're glued to your television set.

Phil hasn't really had any off-course transgressions and in general, the public has embraced him openly in everything he's done. When something has occurred in his personal life, we usually hear about it from him and in a timely manner.

He's lovable. He's quirky. He's got a t-rex head in his home-office. He may be weird but we *know* he's weird, and that connects us to him. What do we know about Tiger? Before this whole sex addict debacle, nothing really.

And that's where Tiger loses us. Its not that he's imperfect; its that we had *no idea* he was imperfect. Think about Charles Barkley; Pete Rose, Michael Jordan. We know these guys are imperfect and we forgive them because they involve us.

Charles Barkley has been caught with hookers and Pete Rose bet on the game he loved; Michael Jordan is divorced and went through hearings to find out whether or not he owed an ex-mistress money and we still love and appreciate them. The difference between these three and Tiger Woods is that we knew nothing of Woods' personal life.

Sure, that's the way Woods wanted it, but now it seems, it may have hurt him. The revelations about his personal life have come as such a shock to everyone that the negative reaction and the amount of press attention the incident received was magnified.

If it came out that Charles Barkley or Michael Jordan had (insert giant number here) girlfriends in so many places, the reaction would be negative, but probably wouldn't lead Good Morning America.

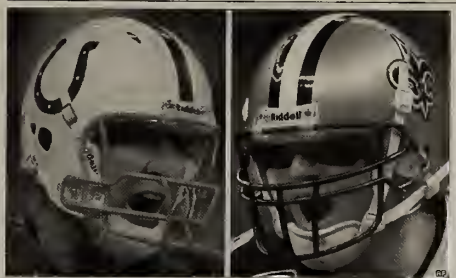
When it comes to Tiger and Phil think about this. Even those of you who claim to love Tiger, think about it.

When Tiger and Phil were paired together in the final round of last years Masters and were each mounting a run toward the top of the leader board, who were you pulling for? Who was the "bad guy?" I'd be willing to bet, at least subconsciously, you wanted to see Phil take down Tiger, if not go on to win the whole tournament.

Tiger is an immortal and, as he's proved repeatedly, Phil isn't; and that's why we love him.

Tiger and Phil will be inextricably linked forever. They came onto the scene around the same time, they were/are the two greatest players of the era. They've dueled head-to-head in majors and on Sunday afternoons in minor tourneys near you.

They've been rivals and friends, teammates and opponents. The one difference between the two is that Phil will be embraced by the masses forever. He will be our generations Arnold Palmer. Tiger on the other hand, well, the jury is still out.



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Quarterbacks Peyton Manning and Drew Brees will compete for Super Bowl glory on Sunday night.

Superbowl XLIV – Saints vs. Colts

By Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

Drew Brees vs. Peyton Manning. Brees has 363 completions out of 514 attempts, 4,388 yards and 34 touchdowns. Manning has 393 completions out of 571 attempts, 4,500 yards and 33 touchdowns. The battle between these two quarterbacks alone will make Superbowl XLIV interesting.

The Saints finished up the 2009 season at 13-3, while the Colts finished 14-2. These two teams are similar in their ending records for 2009, their quarterbacks, and even in total yardage over the season. Offensively, the Saints were superior to the Colts by a small margin. The Saints' total offensive yardage was 403.8, while the Colts were at 363.1. A reason why the Saints had more offensive yardage?

They had more rushing yards than the Colts.

On the reverse, the Colts were superior in total defensive yardage. The Colts kept their opponents to a total of 339.2 yards throughout the 2009 season, while the Saints' total defensive yardage was at 357.8.

Not a huge difference, but defense can win or lose a game for a team.

Experts are favoring the Colts to win, but I wouldn't underestimate the power of Drew Brees.

Not only that, but the Saints have never won an NFL title, and this year's Superbowl is their first ever. That's enough drive right there to beat the Colts.

Yes, the Colts have more experience in the playoffs than the Saints do, and yes they won a Superbowl four years ago and Peyton Manning has all this experience. But underdogs can sometimes surprise you. Especially an underdog that won 13 games in a row.

Either way, both teams are well equipped on offense, and if Brees and Manning have their A games on Sunday, we're in for a hell of a Superbowl.

Will Bodden be back for Pat's?

By Matt LaPan
Voice Reporter

As anybody who watched the New England Patriots this season knows this defense was not the same. Inconsistent, sloppy play which has not been seen in years was on full display during the beat down the Patriots took at the hands of the Baltimore Ravens.

However there were a few bright spots for the defense this year.

Possibly the brightest spot for the Patriots was veteran defensive back Leigh Bodden.

However one of the biggest off-season questions is will Bodden return to the team next year?

If Bodden exercises his right to become an unrestricted free agent, the Patriots will be losing a lot.

This season Bodden started 15 games at right corner back and played 82 percent of the defensive snaps.

Bodden led the team with 17 pass defenses and was tied for the team led in interceptions with five.

Those are some pretty solid numbers for a guy who came in as a "journey man defender."

Bodden came to the Patriots this season after spending last season with the 0-16 Detroit Lions, in that respect Bodden is not too caught up in winning.

However Bodden, like many other players, is seeking a long term deal for big money heading into the uncapped 2010 NFL football season.

This season he had a one year $2.25 million deal but has let the Patriots that he will go if offered a deal.

According to Bodden, "My feeling was that I would play one year for the Patriots, and if I was mediocre, then I would be willing to take that same type of deal the next year.

My goal was to go out and show that I wasn't worth that and to try to help myself with the way I played.

I took a risk, and I'm just hoping I can get rewarded."

So with a huge off season upon the New England Patriots, many questions loom.

Will Tom Brady need surgery? Will the Patriots return to Super Bowl contender form next season?

And finally will the Patriots bring back one of their best cover men Leigh Bodden?

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Pats have defensive issues to address

Articles by Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

In last week's paper I discussed the many needs that the New England Patriots have on the offensive side of the football, and while the Pats offense does have plenty of issues that need to be addressed, they may have even more holes to fix on the defensive side heading into the offseason.

One of the biggest problems for the 2009 Patriots was getting pressure on opposing quarterbacks. New England finished 23rd in the league in sacks and lacked true athleticism and explosion from its ends and outside linebackers. Ty Warren isn't the player that he once was, and Derrick Burgess was unable to regain the playmaking form he once showed. While he did have 5 sacks on the season, his presence was not even felt in the majority of New England's games. The Pats are definitely in need of young and explosive defensive end.

Another need for the Patriots is to re-sign Pro-Bowl nose tackle Vince Wilfork. He's going to want a big contract, but the Pats really need him in their front seven to clog up the middle. New England's front seven had enough issues *with* Wilfork in the lineup, and would be in a lot of trouble if he wasn't there stuffing the middle of the line.

Tully-Banta Cain solidified one of the outside linebacker spots with 55 tackles and a team leading 10 sacks. But on the other side of the field, Adalius Thomas showed that he's lost a step and is no longer an elite linebacker. Pierre Woods also showed that he's nothing more than a back up, and next to a defensive end, a rush outside linebacker is New England's biggest need.

Jerod Mayo wasn't the same player after the injury he suffered in week one but if he can regain the explosive form he showed during his rookie season, the Patriots should be all set at middle linebacker with Mayo and Gary Guyton.

New England's secondary also struggled throughout much of the 2009 season. While James Sanders and Brandon McGowan are more reserve veterans at the safety position, both Brandon Merriweather and Patrick Chung look like solid hard-hitting young safeties. But the cornerback position is an area of concern for the Patriots.

Photo courtesy of boston.com
Ed Reed came in and intercepted the ball, one of three interceptions Brady would finish with on the day.

Shawn Springs is a low-end back up cornerback and Jonathan Wilhite is absolutely terrible. He was constantly beat by mediocre receivers and showed that he barely deserves to be on an NFL roster. Rookie Darius Butler showed some potential but still has a lot to learn before becoming an elite cornerback, and veteran Leigh Bodden was the Pats most consistent cornerback on the field but is far from a top-level talent. The Patriots are in need of an elite cornerback that can really make a difference for their defense, like Ty Law did for New England during his prime.

The Patriots' final need, while it may be minor, is to find a new punter. While punter isn't the most glorified position on a football team, a good punter can really change the game with booming punts that affect field position. New England's punter Chris Hanson ranked 34th in the league in punting average (for punters who qualified with enough punts on the season) and 26th in the league for punts inside the 20 yard line. There are only 32 teams in the NFL and Hanson ranked 34th in the league in punting average. That's a problem.

New England has plenty of needs to address on all sides of the football and will be able to do so through both free agency and the draft. It should be an interesting offseason as the Patriots begin to revamp and restock their roster with talent for the 2010 season.

WSC Sports Roundup

Westfield State College's men's ice hockey team improved to 10-6-2 on the season (7-2-2 MASCAC record) with a 10-5 blowout win over Worcester State last Saturday night.

The 10 goals were the most that Westfield had scored in a single game this season.

Westfield jumped out to an 8-0 lead early in the second period and never looked back. Senior Mike Muolo led the Owls with two goals and two assists and sophomore

AJ Shiverdecker added two goals and one assist. Sophomore goalie Ian Wilson had 27 saves for Westfield. The Owls will hit the road tomorrow night to take on Framingham State at 4:40 p.m.

Westfield's women's swimming and diving team (4-3) picked up its fourth win of the season with a 154-113 win in a home meet last Saturday against Saint Joseph College of Connecticut.

Senior Jenn Butler won both the 50 freestyle and 200 backstroke while senior Lindsey Malboeuf and freshman Lauren Connolly each took first and second place finishes in different events.

The team will compete in its final home meet of the season when they take on Western Connecticut College tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

Westfield's men's and women's indoor track and field teams competed in the Coast Guard Invitational last Saturday.

The men's team finished second overall behind senior sprinter Marc Gomes, who won the 55 meter dash in 6.6 seconds and finished fourth in the 400. Freshman Thomas Gauger finished first in the pole vault when he cleared a height of 12-9.

The women's team took a first place finish in the meet behind the terrific performance of sophomore Laura Poore who finished first in the 55 meter dash and triple jump, second in the 400, and third in the long jump.

Kerry Arouca also took a first place finish in the 3,000 meter run. Both teams will compete in the Dartmouth College Invitational in Hanover, NH tomorrow afternoon.

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Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Be careful that you don't get carried away and end up overdoing things a bit too much right now. Be aware of a tendency to be too negative since conflicts or misunderstandings could easily arise. Just try to let go of any old negativity or resentment if you really want to get ahead right now.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You could find yourself having to deal with a few difficult encounters where some loved ones are concerned about you, but don't worry. As long as you remember to maintain a positive attitude, things should be starting to lighten up quite a bit for you by the end of the week.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
This week could present you with a few challenges, particularly on the home front. And it could be a good time to let go of a few things that may have been bothering you about your home or family. Just remember that holding on to things is only likely to make matters worse.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You could end up being quite busy this week, and don't be surprised if you find yourself having to deal with a few delays or misunderstandings along the way. Just try to keep your head up. Things should be turning around for you before the end of the week.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
This week promises some new financial beginnings for you. A few interesting opportunities could be headed your way and you may soon find yourself making a little more money. But even if some things might still seem a little hard to sort out, don't worry.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Most of your endeavors should be well favored at this time. Your personal charisma could really be on the rise as well. Your positive attitude should enable you to have a lot of fun this week.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You should have the opportunity to have some interesting new insights at the moment. But you could also be feeling a little in the dark at times and there could be a bit of confusion to deal with when it comes to a variety of different matters. It's also be a good time for any sort of spiritual endeavors right now.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Most things really ought to end up going fairly smoothly for you this week and your agenda is bound to be filled with a variety of different friends and activities. You could be coming across quite a few interesting opportunities this week.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You might be feeling really charged up this week and the pace of life should be starting to pick up quite a bit for you right now. You could be able to make quite a good impression on people at this time.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
You can probably expect to be feeling a little confused when it comes to certain romantic matters right now. And if you find yourself presented with a few challenging situations this week, just remember to try to remain as flexible as possible.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
Some financial situations could be starting to undergo some changes for you at this time, and things might seem a little hard to sort out this week. Just be aware that you ought to be able to come up with a few interesting new financial plans to transform things for you.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
A few difficulties with a friend could pop up this week. Don't worry though. Most problems should be easily resolved and your most important relationships should end up benefiting from it.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Super Bowl Potato Skins

Ingredients

8 baking potatoes
2 pounds of bacon
1 pound of shredded cheddar cheese

Steps

Bake potatoes in the oven at 350 degrees until done (about 45 minutes to an hour)

Cut in half and clean out majority of potato leaving skin and about 1/4 -1/8 inch of potato
Fry bacon until crisp then crumble while potato is
Fill skins with cheese
Top with bacon
Add other toppings is desired (chicken, chives, etc.)
Broil until cheese is melted

ENJOY!

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The good, the bad, the ugly: Valentine's Day

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Chocolate covered strawberries are a common gift for Valentine's Day.

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

Be mine, love, kisses, flowers, chocolate. What do all these words have in common? Valentine's Day.

It's a holiday for couples to express their love for each other through Hallmark's mushy cards, red roses, boxes of chocolate, and a date night out. But then, it's just a regular day on the calendar for people who are flying solo.

Westfield State students gave me their opinions on V-Day. Some good, some bad, some ugly.

Mikayla Dargin said that it makes you feel either really loved or really crappy, all depending on if you're in a relationship.

"Since I'm single, I'm inclined to say that it's a BS holiday that is completely based on consumerism, but if you asked me this like 2 years ago I'd probably say it was a wonderful holiday for couples to express how much they love each other ... mainly just to justify how special I felt walking around with the dozen roses my boyfriend gave me," she said.

Dargin continued, "I think perspectives on Valentine's Day change as you get older. In the 3rd grade I loved it because everyone brought in Ninja Turtles and Disney Princess valentines and heart shaped lollipops. Everybody got one ... no one was left out. I wish it was still like that."

She also said that she doesn't think guys really care too much about the holiday. "I think that's definitely more of a girl thing."

Molly Cronin said that the best part of Valentine's Day is being with someone no matter who it is – your boyfriend/girlfriend, your best friend, or your family.

"One of my favorite Valentine's Days was when my best friend, my mom, and I ate ice cream and watched chick flicks all night," she said.

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What you didn't know about Westfield State College

By Mark Lavallee
Voice Reporter

There is a common misconception that a person will learn all there is to know about a college their freshman year, and then be all set. I assure you this is not the case. Learning is a process, which does not have an end, so should not be limited to any particular point. The purpose of this article is to perhaps educate you based upon what I have learned, but is just as much a reflection upon my college career and all I have learned. I hope that at least one thing on this list is a surprise to you. At the very least, I wish you all well as I prepare to leave Westfield State behind.

The Store Behind Stanley Park

Every time I suggest this to people, they look confused. Yes, there is a general store behind Stanley Park. It is a significantly shorter walk than downtown, and is good for an evening walk or just to pick up a few things for the dorm. If you walk from Westfield state to Stanley Park, take the entrance across from Woodward. Follow the parking lot until it narrows into a road, which is on a steep hill. At the bottom of the hill you will arrive behind the duck ponds and at the entrance to the trails. Follow the dirt road toward the main road which is barricaded off. When you reach the barricade there should be a bridge to your right. Cross the bridge and take the road immediately to the right after the bridge. Follow this road, and the store will be on the right.

The computers in the Library will read to you.

I discovered this last semester, and I found it very useful for taking notes. On a library computer click start and look at all programs. Among the program folders is one labeled "Premier AT" inside are several program tools for text to voice. Copy and paste text into "Talking Word Processor" then click "read". Make sure to have a pair of headphones with you so you don't disturb the other people in the library.

Mac Lab, and other computer labs are open late.

All of us here now have seen what happens in the library around finals week. All the computers fill up, and there is nowhere you can print your final paper, which is due in ten minutes. One solution would be to travel quickly upstairs to the third floor. The communication department has a computer lab, which has the same hours as the library. If the door is locked, the campus window will unlock it for you if you ask. These computers are equipped with the Adobe suite including Photoshop and Illustrator. Great tools for the aspiring photographer or artist even to just get the hang of. There are also computer labs in Wilson and in Bates. The lab in Bates is usually empty and makes for a great place to meet for group projects.

Student discount on software.

If you are interested in purchasing software for your computer such as Microsoft Office or Adobe products, take a look at the student store http://wsc.ma.onthehub.com. For an example of what you can save: Adobe master collection is the entire package of products Adobe has to offer. CS4 master collection is listed at $2499. Through the student store, you can purchase this same package for $540.30. Windows 7, and Microsoft office 2007 are also available for under $25 each.

The library has movies.

It is a sad truth that many people have never made their way up into the stacks in the library. If you are ever bored on a weekend or just feel like a movie on some rainy day, take a walk up to the fourth floor of the stacks to check out some of the VHS and DVD movies they have available. For a quick search, look in the card catalogue online for movies such as *Fight Club* or *Jaws*. Who knows, they might have just the movie that you were looking for. Related to this, there are also hundreds of CDs available. Even albums from The Beatles and Bob Dylan. Take a look.

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NO CLASS!

Always more questions, never any answers

LOST keeps viewers intrigued

By Samantha Fahey
Voice Reporter

Spoiler Alert! If you're not caught up on all of the LOST seasons, or you're just not a LOST fan, then stop reading. You will just be confused. Heck, I've watched every episode of every season and I still get confused.

However, this is the sixth and last season, and though we've been promised answers, all the season opener gave us was more questions. They left us on a cliff hanger at the end of last season, with Jack throwing a hydrogen bomb into the un-finished hatch, which was supposed to reverse time and make it so Oceanic flight 815 never crashes in the first place.

And when the episode began, it seemed as though Jack had done just that. They were all aboard flight 815 heading to Los Angeles. None of the passengers knew each other, but a few of them pleasantly interacted with one another, as strangers would do. The camera zoomed out from the plane and down into the water, where it showed that the island, in all its glory, is underwater.

So then it cuts to commercial, leaving us thinking that maybe this season will take place in Los Angeles, and for some reason other than the island, their lives will become intertwined once again. But after the commercial returns, it goes to the island, where Kate, Sawyer, Jack, and Miles wake up and realize that the bomb didn't work, that they're still on the island. Talk about confusing.

Sawyer begins yelling at Jack, "You were wrong! You blew us right back to where we started!" That seems to be the case, but then what about that whole scene with them on the plane?

It switches back to the plane, where heavy turbulence picks up. The plane shakes and everyone fastens their seatbelts and hold tight to their arm rests... but then it stops and the plane evens out again. The passengers begin talking jokingly about what would happen if the plane were to crash.

Boone talks to his neighbor John Locke about how he doesn't think he'd be able to survive if the plane crashed and they were stranded. It's ironic, because Boone died in Season One.

Back to the island, the survivors hear a voice buried under the heaps of metal: it's Juliet. They work frantically trying to dig down to her, with Sawyer saying to Kate, "If she dies, I'll kill [Jack]."

Elsewhere, the recently deceased Jacob appears to Hurley, who can see dead people. He tells Hurley that the only way Sayid (who was shot in the finale episode of Season Five) can be saved is if he is brought to "the temple."

Only 27 minutes into the show, I have a theory, and I'm not alone in believing it. I think that when Jack threw

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Photo courtesy of plymouthlibrary.org
The sixth and last season of LOST is back with a bang.

Parking problems continue at Westfield State

Nothing in this world is perfect; few things are close. One of those close things is not the parking set up here at Westfield State College. Commuter, Main lot, South, or Faculty/Staff, you've all more than likely fallen victim to the lack of parking spaces on this campus. Stories of students running late to class, circling around commuter lot like Piranha waiting for a meal, permeate throughout the halls, in frustrated dialogue, and on Facebook through angry status updates. It's getting ridiculous and we can only hope the frustration is being noticed.

One would imagine this would be a solvable problem. We can put a man on the moon but we can't figure out how to structure our parking lots so that commuters, residents and faculty/staff can all fit their cars reasonably and efficiently on one campus without the hassle of having to hike back from South lot? C'mon. Who is going to believe that one?

Lets take a look at the facts about the system. Commuters have the one large (but still incredibly under-sized and cramped) lot behind Bates and Wilson where most commuters cram their cars. There is the lot next to Ely, which is usually filled to capacity by 10:30, and a couple spots in the Juniper Park lot half way down against the fence; the first 20 are reserved for (but rarely filled with) faculty/staff members. The residents park close to the halls in main lots, which skirt the buildings. They pay more for these spots which, are first-come, first-served...and usually there are more stickers sold than spaces available. At least, it seems that way, when commuters find "C" decal spots filled by cars sporting "M" decals, a sight which brings on one of those awesome sinking feelings you get when you're running late and know you're screwed.

There are stories of faculty members parking in commuter spots and not being ticketed. How is that fair? We pay for our spots! They have their own designated area to park and we have ours. Surely, if a commuter parked in a faculty/staff spot, the ticket cop (the arch nemesis of the student body) would cruise over as fast as his golf cart thing could carry him and write them up for violating such a sacred rule.

Obviously, the college is growing. The enrollment at WSC has increased; improvements are constantly being made to the facilities and the general surroundings are constantly being improved. The environment surrounding the school is far more positive than it has been in recent years. That being said, don't you think we could add a couple more parking spaces? Or fix the way we operate that system? Its easy enough to count the number of spaces you have for commuters and sell ONLY that many stickers; first-come, first-served; Or ONLY the number of main lot stickers equal to the number of spaces. You see what we're getting at, don't you? Its not rocket science.

Short of trying to raise more revenue, don't you think that selling only as many decals for main/commuter/faculty-staff spaces as exist is a wise idea? South Lot stickers cost the same as commuter stickers and people are going to want their cars on campus? Just run a shuttle every 35 minutes from the main campus to South Lot; you'll still sell those decals.

One would imagine that a happy student body is more important than making a couple extra bucks selling parking decals.

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Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room 215, no later than 5:30P.M. on Tuesdays before anticipated publication date.

Tipping points and climate change

Photo courtesy of columbia.edu

The increased Greenland ice melt will cause sea levels to rise.

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

I had no idea what to write about this week.

All weekend I was swamped with work and school work and then there was the Super Bowl...I just didn't have the time to think of a good topic and the time I did spend dwelling on it left me stumped.

It wasn't until Monday morning that the proverbial light bulb went on.

Two spring semesters ago I had to write a term paper for my Climate Change course and what I ended up doing was an analysis of tipping points and the role that they play in climate change processes.

Since I have a good amount of knowledge on the subject I figure I'll pass that information on to you guys.

And for those of you who don't know what a tipping point is (don't sweat it - I had no idea until I took the aforementioned class), here's a basic definition: *a point where tiny changes flip a system.*

It's important to understand that tipping points occur in all kinds of economic, sociological, and environmental situations.

There are tipping points in crime, shoe sales, drug abuse, suicide, fast food business, etc, etc.

When it comes to climate change and tipping points, a couple things have to be understood.

First, climate change is the result of temperature increases combined with amplification from environmental feedbacks and anthropogenic (human) forcings, among many other contributing factors. Climate is very complex; it is always changing even when it seems to be stable.

Secondly, tipping points in the earth's climate system are everywhere.

And because climate is so amazingly intricate it is basically impossible to predict when a "tip" will occur - the scenarios involving changes, shifts, and amplifications in climate are endlessly convoluted.

This is precisely what makes climate tipping points so interesting...and dangerous.

There are probably millions and millions of tiny tips that can alter climate in ways that will seemingly have little or no effect.

But these tips over time can cause chain reactions that trigger much larger tipping points.

These "hot spots", as they're called, can lead to, well, no one really knows *exactly*. Climatologists predict that catastrophic events could result should any of these "hot spots" tip (also, if one is tipped then other major points can be tipped as a result, just like the smaller tipping points).

Another thing about tipping points: once the tip occurs the system is changed for good; they can't be reversed.

Here's some of the major tipping points in the climate system: Greenland ice sheet - could be totally melted in about 300 years, which could raise the sea level up to 20 feet, but irreversible change might occur in the next 50 years.

Gulf Stream - if an excessive amount of ice slides into the North Atlantic the Gulf Stream could shut down, possibly causing a mini ice age in Europe.

Amazon Rainforest - in time, deforestation will reduce Amazonian rainfall and leave us with fewer trees to soak up all that carbon dioxide.

Russian Methane Clathrates - pressure can build up and methane stored deep in Russian permafrost can be "farted" out and released into the atmosphere

These are just a few of several tipping point "hot spots" and over the next few weeks I'm going to go in-depth with these (and maybe more if I'm feeling ambitious) to provide further insight on the processes involved, the effects should they tip, and what we can do to soften the blow (mitigate) if they do.

Steaming for terms with Phong Ly

By Phong Ly
Voice Reporter

Yesterday while I was surfing Youtube for videos of "epic faze plants," I stumbled upon a video that was uploaded by a member named "hotforwords."

The video was very interesting and informative, and afterward I learned the origin of the word column.

After watching the video, I was struck with an idea so awesome that it could have only been conceived by me.

I could not use the title hotforwords because it was already taken, so I could only closely emulate the title, I came up with "steaming for terms."

With my trusty lexicon by my side, a case of Red Bull and my boyish immature sense of humor, I present to you clean words that sound dirty or just wrong.

.Kumquat is family of . . . small fruit-bearing trees in the flowering plant family Rutaceae.

Despite its innocent definition, the term generally brings up giggles, smiles, and chuckles in people who are old enough to know about things of a more adult nature.

Although the term is given to a fruit, in a vernacular sense, it sounds like a sexual act so wrong, that it is only reserved for sexual deviants.

Backhoe is a piece of excavating equipment or digger consisting of a digging bucket on the end of a two-part articulated arm.

This useful construction tool is often confused with a street slang for a woman of a scandalous nature.

Blowhole is the hole at the top of a whale or other cetacean's head, homologous with nostril.

When someone uses the word blowhole, most of the time they are using it in an incorrect manner, and often are referring to a squalid location that dots the American West Coast.

Condoleezza Rice is the former Secretary of State under President George W. Bush.

Not really dirty or wrong, just a funny name for a person. Condoleezza Rice sounds more like a name of a Mexican Dish, than an actual person. Here's an example: "Yes, can I please have 2 tacos, 3 burritos, a Condoleezza Rice, and a Diet Pepsi to go please".

Manhole is the top opening to an underground utility vault used to house an access point for making connections.

This one is pretty self explanatory on why it is funny, and what kind of image it conjures up when it is being used.

Rear Admiral is a naval commissioned officer rank above that of a Commodore and Captain, and below that of a Vice Admiral.

Among other obscure nautical terms such as poop deck, rear admiral is one of the lesser-known ranks of the navy and perhaps the most humorous rank in the military.

Joystick is an input device consisting of a stick that pivots on a base and reports its angle or direction to the device it is controlling.

To the general public, the word joystick may sound like a sexual innuendo, but to a 30-year-old "Dungeons and Dragons" champ, he'll know exactly what you are talking about, and will add that his is better.

An example of this is "after hours of PWNing noobs online, David decided that his joystick needed to take a break and recharge."

A few other words that deserve an honorable mention for being misunderstood are asphalt, circumspect, cockpit, Bangkok and rectory.

Student of the Week

Meg Barbeau
Senior
Education

If If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Rachel McAdams

If you could only listen to three bands or artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
Britney Spears, Pitbull, and Lady Gaga.

What's the last movie you saw in theaters?
I can't remember.

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?
Studying abroad and not being a real person…yet.

What's your favorite snack?
Fruit snacks

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
I want to teach kindergarten or first grade.

Is your bed made right now?
Nope

What is your favorite material object?
Captain Squiggles

What extracurricular activities are you involved in on or off campus?
Irish dancing with Kelly Fitzgerald.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email ***thevoice@wsc.ma.edu*** *and tell us why.*

WSC presents Senegal Through the Arts

The Westfield State College Downtown Art Gallery, 105 Elm St., Westfield, will present Senegal Through the Arts: Woman and the Heroism of Everyday Life, featuring African artwork from Feb. 12-27.

The artwork is from the Pan African Historical Museum of Springfield.

An artist reception, scheduled for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, features Senegalese musician Amadou Talla and his band.

Talla, a musician and educator, plays African folk music with influences from jazz and reggae.

The band includes Baka Abdoulaye Fall on guitar and keyboard, and Baka Niang on the traditional Senegalese sabar and jembe drums.

The event includes a film by noted Senegalese director Ousmane Sembene.

Sembene's Heroism of Everyday Life shows how women shape history in Africa, focusing on their experience, vision, struggles and resistance.

The film is presented by Samba Gadjigo, professor of French and African literature at Mt. Holyoke College.

Gadjigo is an internationally known expert on African film.

His book, Ousmane Sembene, The Making of a Militant, is scheduled for release in March.

It tells the story of the late film director, a close friend and colleague of the author.

The event is co-sponsored by the Africa Alive!/Global Women's History network.

The network was organized by Elise G. Young, professor of history at Westfield State, in cooperation with other educational institutions, including the Five College African Studies Council, the African Cultural Council of Springfield.

Gadjigo and Fall are both members of the network, which introduces African culture to Western Massachusetts through art and music.

"One of the ways African women have 'written' their history is through art and music, including designing and crafting of fabrics," Young said.

She added that the film and exhibit attempts to counter colonialist images of African women and of Africa.

Café' Mosaic of Northampton will provide the reception refreshments.

Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 2-5 p.m., Thursday, 2-7 p.m., and Saturday, 1-5 p.m., aside from special events.

Gadjigo also is teaching a one credit course, Africa through African Eyes, as part of a new set of course offerings through the collaboration of Africa Alive and Global Women's History with Division of Graduate and Continuing Education (DGCE) at Westfield State. For more information, call (413) 572-8020.

Want to write for
The Westfield Voice?

Submit articles by 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays by emailing them to Thevoice@wsc.ma.edu or coming to visit us in Ely 215!

Editor's Desk

Today has been the best snow day ever. As we sit in the office, void of classes and able to get the paper sent to the publisher before 11 p.m., I can't help but smile.

I'm not a fan of snow at all, unless I'm in bed with a cup of coffee and a good book and am not forced to trudge out into the frozen tundra that Westfield can often become after a snow storm.

It's a bittersweet day in the office, as this is the last edition we will create in Ely 215. At the end of this week, we'll be moving to the other side of Ely, right next to WSKB.

So if you're ever in the area, feel free to swing by and say hello!

I hope every will enjoy this four day week (maybe even three day if it snows tonight!) and the four day week we'll have next week as well!

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Get your honey a bottle of wine in time for Valentine's Day!

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VALENTINE'S DAY: Students opinions vary

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Cronin also said that the worst part about the holiday is if you have no one to spend it with, or if you have to work. That just "calls for a bad night!"

Michelle Moore said that she doesn't like Valentine's Day mostly because she's single and when you aren't with someone it doesn't make you feel very good.

"I don't understand why there has to be a day for 'love.' Why can't it be every day?" she said.

Moore continued, "When I was a kid I loved Valentine's Day because no one was left out and there were parties. Last year when I helped out in a kindergarten class I got a valentine from all the kids and it brought back old times."

Shauna Harty felt similar to most other girls and said that she was a bit torn on the holiday.

Harty said, "I feel like Valentine's Day is not something to get too hung up on. Sure, if you're in a relationship it's a great day to express and celebrate what you have together. But then again, if you find yourself without romance on February 14th, it's not something to wallow in self pity over.

"Without trying to sound bitter, I personally find it to be a highly commercial holiday and actually kind of cheesy. Though I have to admit when I have received flowers on Valentine's Day in the past i couldn't help but react as any other gushing girl Valentines lover," she said.

Meaghan McDonald said the best part of the holiday is the idea of the holiday.

"It was completely made up by the card companies, and I think it was a great idea. So many girls love romance and all of that stuff, that it gives girls an excuse to get stuff, and boys being forced to spend money," she said.

McDonald's favorite part about Valentine's Day is being with someone that she loves. She adds, "Getting something is nice though."

"I don't like that so many people think that you need to spend so much money, because I hate that. I also think going out to dinner on that day is so overrated because everyone does it, so you have to wait wicked long, and it's just not worth it," she said about her least favorite part about the holiday.

An anonymous source said, "I would have to say the best part about Valentine's Day is spending it with the one person you can't imagine your life without, regardless of whether or not you have big huge plans or just a night in watching a movie with popcorn."

Surprisingly, some males actually responded to the topic. Here we have Peter Francis' and A.J. Peach's thoughts on the "love" holiday.

"Valentine's day is for the most part, an exercise in futility. If you're in a relationship, it's great, since it can prove to be a barometer for how strong the relationship is. Plus you go out to eat!" Francis said. He continued, "But if you're not wifed up, it can be a pretty frustrating day, with a lot of money being spent on chocolates that'll be eaten and forgotten and flowers that will die."

Francis went on to say that it's hard for him to get into the "spirit" if he's not in a relationship. He also contrasted this holiday with those like Christmas and New Years, ones that "induce happiness."

"Valentine's Day is more of a reality check than anything else, as proves either how nice your love life is, or how weak your situation really is. I'm sorry, but V-day isn't one of my favorites," he said.

A.J. Peach's view was a bit different. He went right out and said that it is not a guy holiday. Sorry, girls.

Peach said, "It's not a guy's holiday. The only thing the guy looks forward to on Valentine's Day is the sex and that's absolutely 100% true. The guy has to buy the girl flowers, candy, etc. and the girl will have sex with the guy if he's lucky."

The consensus seems to be that Valentine's Day is nice for those people that have a loved one to share it with. Otherwise, it's just a useless holiday that makes people feel like crap because they don't.

Many of these students also seemed to miss elementary school when everyone had a valentine and it was a day full of Ninja Turtles and Disney Princesses.

So, what's your thought on the holiday? Whatever it is, I hope it's great with lots of love and candy – from your significant other, friend, family, or whoever. Happy Valentine's Day!

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LOST: Show recaped throughout the seasons

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the bomb into the un-finished hatch, he created an alternate universe. Meaning now, there are two worlds going on at the same time; one world hasn't changed, and the other has restarted, making it so the plane never crashes. But then, that's the thing with LOST; once you think you have it figured out, something happens and you realize how wrong you were.

The saddest moment in the show was when they finally removed all the metal beams and debris off of Juliet and she and Sawyer are reunited. She is covered in blood and is in visible pain, which, in turn, hurts Sawyer, who is personally my favorite character. Juliet begins to cry and says, "I hit the bomb and we're still here." They hold each other until Juliet says, "I have to tell you something. It's really, really important." But before she can continue, she dies in Sawyer's arms. This should have been shocking, but then again, I thought she had died last season. They brought her back only to kill her off again. Since this is the last season, people are starving for answers, and this season opener probably made those people very angry because it only introduced more questions. It's clear that the man inside John Locke's body is not himself. And we find out just who he is when he is threatened by Jacob's followers; he turns into the smoke monster! The thing goes karate-mode and kills all of Jacob's followers, after seeming to be invincible to bullets. Then, it turns back into its Locke-form, who smiles and says to Ben, "I'm sorry you had to see me like that."

Back on the plane, failed rock star Charlie tries to commit suicide in the bathroom, but the flight attendance call in a doctor (Jack) and he saves him. However, instead of being thankful, Charlie says, "Should've let that happen, man. I was supposed to die." Eerie, considering Charlie did die in Season Three.

Not soon after, the plane lands safely in Los Angeles! Charlie is taken off the plane in handcuffs (but for before he gives an evil glare at Jack for saving his life). Kate is taken off in her handcuffs as well, but she manages to escape. Jin is taken away by the cops as well, and Sun pretends not to speak English, so she doesn't have to help him. Locke is wheeled off the plane, because in this world, his legs still don't work. Jack finds out that his father's body was never put on the plane. So though they did not crash on the island, their lives are still full of mystery and, in some cases, hopelessness. After much drama back on the island, all the survivors end up at the temple, where the others (?) try to resuscitate Sayid, but instead end up drowning and killing him. Miles can hear dead people, and at one point it seems as though he's listening to Sayid?

When Hurley tells these people in the temple that Jacob is dead, they know that it was the smoke monster that killed him and they all frantically set up a barrier, designed to keep him out.

The episode ends with Sayid walking up and saying, "What happened." But I have heard some theories about this as well. Sayid was clearly dead, even after Jack tried to continuously perform CPR on him. The most interesting theory I have heard is that it's not Sayid; it is Jacob who has come back in Sayid's body.

Who knows if my theories are correct or if they're way off base? Are you a diehard fan? I'd love to hear your theories! Email me at sfahey5744@wsc.ma.edu.

Editor's Desk

Talk about a snow day! It was so nice of the school to cancel classes today, while we all wait and wonder "where is the snow?!" What a great day - one that will couple so nicely with President's Day on Monday!

The Westfield Voice office is moving! It's going to be strange to have a new office, but it's exciting at the same time! Be sure to come visit us in our new place, Ely 305, next to WSKB on Ely 3rd!

I hope everyone enjoyed their snow day and had a relaxing (not homework filled) time! All this talk about snow is making me super ansty for Spring, that's for sure. It's time for winter to be over in my opinion!

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Blood Drive

Wednesday, February 17th
Parnezo Gym
1 - 7 p.m.

Sign up in the DC the week of February 8th
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REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

SUSAN B. ANTHONY

Born on February 15th 1820, Susan B. Anthony became one of the most importaot figures in the American history.

The renowned suffragist and overall woman's rights activist from Adams, Massachusetts, Anthony, along with Elizabeth Cady Stantoo founded the NWSA, or National Womeos Suffrage Associatioo, in 1869, paving the way for women everywhere.

They're work eventually led to the passing of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Anthony, however, did not live to see her life's work come to fruition. Anthony passed away in 1906 from complications due to poeumonia. Anthony never married and never had any children, but when told she would make a great mother, true to her fashion, Anthooy responded by taking a stand on the custody laws of the time.

Susan B. Anthony

She praised egalitarian marriages; sexuality, in her view, was "the highest and boliest function of the physical organism."

YOUTUBE

This week in 2005, one of the largest phenomena to hit the internet was first posted. The user-produced video website known as YouTube, created by three former paypal employees, Steve Chen, Jawed Karim and Chad Hurley, was purchased a little more than a year later in November 2006 for $1.65 Billioo by Google, Inc.

"The company is based in San Bruno, California, and uses Adobe Flash Video technology to display a wide variety of user-generated video conteot, including movie clips, TV clips, and music vidcos, as well as amateur content such as vidco blogging and short original videos."

Youtube

In a time when there was no easy way to do so, the site revolutionized the way internet video is viewed and in 2008, the site was the recipient of the George Foster Peabody Award, citcd for being "a speakers corner that both embodies and promotes democracy."

DALE EARNHARDT

When you think of athletes who transcend greatness; the ones who truly are bigger thao their sport, you think of Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky and if you follow professional stock car racing, you think of Dale Earnhardt. Earnhardt won seven cup series titles and 76 career victories. Perhaps more so than for his on-track cooquests, Earnhardt will be remembered for the safety measures implemented throughout professional auto racing in the wake of his tragic passing this week oine years ago. Earnhardt died of a basilar skull fracture, suffered when his car hit the turn four wall headoo on the final lap of the Daytona 500.

Dale Earnhardt

Since then, sweepiog changes in safety have been made throughout the sport, including safer barriers and the mandatory use of the HANS (Head and Neck restraint system) device, which Earnhardt refused to wear prior to the 2001 Daytona 500.

Dear John, it could have been better

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

For weeks, maybe even months, girls everywhere have been dying to see *Dear John* the movie based on the love story's most prominent author, Nicholas Sparks.

I know for a lot of us girls, every time we saw the commercials for it we just had to stop and watch it with a big smile on our face.

On February 5, 2010 this movie finally came to theaters and this past weekend I was there to see it.

Dear John starts off with Channing Tatum as John Tyree surfing and sitting on the pier minding his own business. That is, until Savannah Curtis, played by Amanda Seyfried, accidentally dropped her purse into the water. John quickly jumps from the pier into the water to retrieve it for her. And because of that single event, a love blossoms.

John and Savannah spend the night talking and she learns that he's in the army. After two weeks together, they both have to go their separate ways – him to the army and her back to school. Despite the distance, they remain completely in love with each other.

The way they want to keep in contact is by writing letters. "Letter # 33: I miss you so much it hurts." For the whole year that John is gone, that's the way they communicate. Finally, after a long year apart, Savannah greets him at the airport.

Little did she know that after 9/11 occurred John had to re-up his stay in the army, meaning they would have to spend another two years apart. John thought they could do it and he wholeheartedly wanted to do it, hut after two months without a letter his hopes started to fall a little.

Until one day he got one. He thought it was going to be like it was before, but instead his heart was broken. She had met someone.

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Dear John was released in theatres on February 5, 2010.

John realized that without her he had nothing and decided to re-up his time in the army again and again, barely ever returning home. Many years later however, he had to come home.

Although he and his dad were not that close when John was growiog up, the news that his dad was in the hospital was heart wrenching to him.

The army let him go on leave to care for his father.

While back, John visits Savannah in her new home with her new husband. He learns that her husband has caneer and he's probably going to die. He also learns that he still loves her and she still loves him. He knows, though, that once he leaves her house a final time, they may never see each other again.

Now, the ending of the movie was different than the ending of the book so I'm not going to give it away. But, if you're wondering what happens to John and Savannah? Well, let's just say it is a happy ending.

On a scale from 1 to 10, in my opinion, I give it a 7. Mostly because I loved the book so much that it was hard for me not to like it. I can't give it higher than that because a lot of things were different than the book that I mostly didn't like.

But, my friend told me before seeing the movie that I have to like the book and the movie separately because books are always better than the movies. Seeing as this is my first time reading a book before going to the movie, I realized this is true.

Movies like *Dear John* make me feel like I am one of the characters in the movie. So when something really sad happens, I picture it happening to me. And of course, I cry, as I did when I watched it.

So, if you're a big sap like me, and you cry duriog movies, then I suggest bringing tissues.

All in all I feel that they did a good job with the movie, I just wish it wasn't as rushed as it was. I definitely suggest going to see it.

Maybe with your girlfriends though; this is definitely a chick flick!

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Top 10 Albums
1. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
2. Various Artists - Hope for Haiti Now
3. Lady Gaga - The Fame
4. Susan Boyle - I Dreamed a Dream
5. Barry Manilow -The Greatest Love Songs of All Time
6. Michael Jackson's This is It
7. Corinne Bailey Rae - The Sea
8. Various Artists - 2010 Grammy Nominees
9. Celtic Woman - Songs from the Heart
10. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.

Top 10 Singles
1. Ke$ha - TiK ToK
2. Lady Gaga - Bad Romance
3. Young Money ft. Lloyd - BedRock
4. The Black Eyed Peas - Imma Be
5. David Guetta ft. Akon - Sexy Chick
6. Ludacris - How Low
7. Iyaz - Replay
8. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
9. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
10. Rihanna ft. Jeezy - Hard

Top Movies
1. Dear John
2. Avatar
3. From Paris with Love
4. Edge of Darkness
5. Tooth Fairy

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Story of the Year - Constant
2. The Game - The R.E.D. Album
3. Usher - Raymond v. Raymond
4. Alkaline Trio - This Addiction
5. Michelle Branch - Everything Comes and Goes

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. 2012
2. The Who - The Kids are Alright
3. South Park Season 13
4. Monk Season 8
5. Breaking Bad Season 2

Upcoming Video Games
1. Tropico 3
2. Battlefield: Bad Company 2
3. MLB 2K10
4. Mega Man 10
5. Just Cause 2

Upcoming Rock Band downloadable content
Single:
The Who Halftime Smashup (13 minute Super Bowl Halftime show medley)

Megadeth Rust in Peace (complete album)
1. Holy Wars... The Punishment Due
2. Hangar 18
3. Take No Prisoners
4. Five Magics
5. Poison Was the Cure
6. Lucretia
7. Tornado of Souls
8. Dawn Patrol
9. Rust in Peace... Polaris

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Top ten Rock and Roll Hall of Fame snubs: the second top ten

Last week I went over ten more-than-deserving bands who should easily be included in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. After realizing I had forgotten many more bands, a second part was in order.

10. Def Leppard
Eligible since 2004

Def Leppard has two studio albums that have sold over ten million copies. This is a feat achieved by only Def Leppard and four other bands. Part of the highly influential New Wave of British Heavy Metal, they have inspired many bands to follow with their signature electronic drum sound and vocal harmonies. Def Leppard has sold 65 million albums worldwide.
Listen to: Hysteria (1987)

9. Cheap Trick
Eligible since 2002

Ranked #25 on VH1's Greatest Artists of Hard Rock list, Cheap Trick's most notable accomplishment was their "Cheap Trick at Budokan" album, which was certified platinum three times. On the same page as "Frampton Comes Alive," "At Budokan" is an essential live album.

Guitarist Rick Nielsen is known for playing uniquely designed guitars (one has five necks) and bassist Tom Petersson is credited with developing the idea of a 12-string bass.
Listen to: at Budokan (1979)

8. Scorpions
Eligible since 1997

The Scorpions recently announced their retirement after forty years together as a band and will embark on one final tour to support their final album. Scorpions' album sales have toppled the 100 million mark and they are a shoe-in for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
Listen to: Love at First Sting (1984)

7. Electric Light Orchestra
Eligible since 1996

Electric Light Orchestra, or "ELO," is another band that has amassed a total of over 100 million album sales. They are a bit more likely to be included than the Scorpions, however, due to Jeff Lynne's connections with existing members (Lynne is the only member of the supergroup "The Traveling Wilburys" to not receive an induction for their respective band) and the nomination process seems to favor more radio-friendly artists over metal groups. That doesn't mean Lynne and Co. aren't deserving, however. The album sale tally speaks for itself, and after a quick viewing of their 2001 DVD, Zoom, anyone can see that they are still releasing quality music.
Listen to: A New World Record (1976) and Zoom (2001)

6. Chicago
Eligible since 1994

Despite having a lineup worthy of a comparison to a revolving door, Chicago has remained constant as one of the longest-running bands still active in the music world. With over 120 million albums to their name, including five number one albums, it's shocking that Chicago hasn't been included in this group of rock-elite.
Listen to: Chicago 17 (1984)

5. Alice Cooper
Eligible since 1994

Before there was Marilyn Manson, there was Alice Cooper. Alice Cooper began as a band, but frontman Vincent Furnier adopted the name for solo touring, and has become commonly associated with the name.

Cooper's fame as a shock-rock pioneer was moted in his live shows, which often included boa constrictors and fake blood. However, his albums were solid, often with great guitar solos.

His most recent album, "Along Came a Spider," was a concept album that told the story of a serial killer who believed he was a spider, wrapping his victims in cocoons.

What's even more shocking than that was that the album was just as good as anything he had released in the 70s.
Listen to: Along Came a Spider (2008) and Killer (1971)

Image courtesy of foxradio.com
Neither Gene Simmons nor his tounge are in the hall of fame.

4. Judas Priest
Eligible since 1999

Judas Priest was formed in 1969 and is still going strong. Along with many other contemporaries, Priest helped popularize the dueling guitar lead sound and cemented themselves as a driving force in the early years of heavy metal with classics like "Breaking the Law," "You've Got Another Thing Coming," and "Pain Killer." Rob Halford gave the band a unique sound with a vocal range of D2 to G7 6 (in layman's terms: really, really high). The band has sold over 35 million albums worldwide. While this may not compare to The Scorpions or Def Leppard, their influence is immeasurable.
Listen to: Screaming for Vengeance (1982) and Painkiller (1990)

3. Rush
Eligible since 1998

Every Rush studio album has gone at least gold, and Rush has remained consistent with their success despite not having a lot of mainstream promotion or radio play. Each of the three members of Rush are widely considered to be among the best of their respective instruments. A fusion of progressive hard rock and heavy metal, Rush has inspired many bands including recent inductees Metallica. After over forty years, the Canadian power trio are still touring.
Listen to: Moving Pictures (1981)

2. Donna Summer
Eligible since 1999

Donna Summer may seem out of place (much like Patsy Cline last week) but deserves recognition as being not only the first artist to have three consecutive number one double albums, but the first female artist to have four number one singles within thirteen months. She has sold over 130 million records worldwide and has become known as the "Queen of Disco." Her career began in 1968 and she is still active, releasing "Crayons" in 2008.
Listen to: Bad Girls (1979)

1.Kiss
Eligible since 1999

There isn't a lot to say about Kiss that isn't already common knowledge. Despite any negative opinions one might have about Kiss's over-commercialization of their 'brand,' their stage shows are phenomenal and set the standards for entertainers and musicians alike, with extravaggant displays of pymtechnics and over-the-top costumes. If performance track record doesn't get a band into the hall of fame, that's OK. Kiss's album sales are over 100 million, proof that they are more than just entertainers.
Listen to: Alive II (1977)

Wahlberg shines in new Peter Jackson flick The Lovely Bones

By Sarah Scherer
Voice Reporter

Besides having the pleasure of watching Lifetime's 'The Pregnancy Pact' I was able to see Lovely Bones this weekend.

The movie was very different, as you can imagine. Peter Jackson, who directed this film, is also known for directing the Lord of the Rings trilogy, and producing District 9.

Mark Wahlberg did a fantastic of portraying the panic stricken father driven to the point of desperation over the loss of his daughter.

Stanley Tucci was cast as George Harvey, the creepy next-door neighbor who devises a complex plan of child rape and murder.

The murder scene is especially intense and well done, creating the right amount of anticipation and despair without over doing it.

Lead Saoirse Ronan played a mediocre Suzie Salmon, who is murdered by Tucci's character. She loses some of her credibility by being overly melodramatic before the murder even occurred. The line 'Salmon, first name: Suzie,' was repeated enough.

At one point in the film, Suzie's brother sees his dead sister. This was a very unoriginal moment that focused on the idea that children have the "otherwordly" ability to see the dead, often coined as a sixth sense.

Heaven was portrayed as a beautiful ever-changing landscape. Suzie's heaven was supposed to be an "in-between" place, the idea being she could not move on until her murderer was caught or dead, apparently.

Susan Sarandon was the smoking, drinking, comic relief character of the grandmother. Her character was a welcome one, as it stopped the movie from completely being a sob-fest.

There was also a thriller aspect to it: that scene everyone knows from the trailer when Suzie's sister decides it's a good idea to snoop in the pedophile's house. Much was left out from the book, which cannot be faulted as the book took place over many years.

Reviews for this movie have been mixed, and I have to say the effort was definitely there, but was not particularly groundbreaking.

You should definitely see the movie or read the book, but it is unnecessary to do both.

After one you will have had enough of the dramatic bittersweet theme of 'being grateful for what you have.'

If anything, take away that message if nothing else.

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

If an openly gay man wants to join the military, he can't. If a secretly gay man wants to join the military, he can.

In both scenarios, he's still a gay man. And yet, according to the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy, there is a significant difference.

This is clearly an illogical and unfair policy that infringes on the rights and liberties of Americans who fight for those very liberties.

In the court case Lawrence v. Texas, the Supreme Court of the U.S. declared that anti-sodomy laws were unconstitutional based on the 14th Amendment's due process clause protections.

These kinds of protections should also cover men and women who are serving their country honorably.

Men and women should have the freedom and the liberty to be openly heterosexual or openly homosexual in their line of work, even if that is in the military.

They are protected by the law and that law ends the debate.

In effect since 1993, this Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy forbids gay members of the armed forced to admit that they are gay.

Is that going to change their sexual orientation? Absolutely not. But repealing this policy is more than just letting people discuss their personal lives.

A person's sexual orientation can be an integral part of who that person is, and denying individuals the freedom to express themselves is not legal or moral.

In addition, this is the 21st century. Isn't it about time to allow a little more tolerance for men and women who are dying for their country?

So there is a big debate going on in this country about gay marriage and whether or not it is "wrong" or "right" or "moral" or whatever words one chooses to use.

However, this is not about that debate. Rather, it's about a person going to work with the freedom to be open and honest about a big part of life.

If a woman can go into a workplace like an office setting and not get fired for being a lesbian, then a she should be able to go to another kind of workplace (the military) and be open about her life. It's a new era, a new century, and it's time for a change.

If the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy remains in effect, people will still be gay and lesbian in the military.
So why shouldn't they be allowed to at least acknowledge the truth?

It's discrimination and the people who are advocating for its termination should be commended. Homophobia and intolerance are everywhere so let's begin to knock down these obstacles by starting with this policy.

We can never erase all anti-gay sentiment in the United States, but at least ending this policy is a step in the right direction.

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The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy has come under fire.

Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy has been in place since Clinton was in office. This policy basically states that if you were in the military and someone asked if you were gay, you were not to tell them anything even if your commanding officer knows the truth.

Before this policy, if you were identified as a homosexual, you would have been kicked out of the military and given a dishonorable charge. This discharge would follow you for the rest of your life and make it difficult to later find a job.

Because of this, Clinton started this policy. Instead of starting off with other policies he promised in his campaign, he started with this one… the one that wasn't even in his campaign promises at all.

Now, President Obama, also a Democrat, said that he wanted to change this policy and make it perfectly okay to be openly gay in the military with no repercussions.

Leaders of our military and of Congress are divided on the issue.

I am not against homosexuality, but I don't think this change will I. Do anything to help the economy, which should be first priority, or 2. Make anything better for the gays in the military..

It's sad no doubt that these people have to hide who they really are, but one associates the military with being strong, tough, fearless, etc.

Most people also associate being gay with being flamboyant and anything opposite of someone in the military.

Clearly that is a common misconception seeing as they had to create this policy because there were homosexuals enlisted. Changing the policy might make the people associated with these gay men think the totally wrong thing and start to stereotype.

I am not entirely sure why Obama wants to change the policy because it seems to be working fine. But I guess he just likes to fix things…

Maybe he feels that it would score him political points to keep a portion of the voters happy. However, he doesn't quite realize what he is doing.

Put it this way, with people being openly gay in the military, we would need more housing; one for men, women, lesbians, and gays.

A lot of times, men don't want to be sleeping or sharing a room with someone who is gay and same goes for women.

How much money is that going to cost now? How will those even works?

At a time when our country is facing bankruptcy inevitably, I definitely feel there should be more issues being addressed on Obama's agenda. Just let the men be men and not stereotyped as something they're not.

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Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, what a game that was, huh? Super Bowl XLIV is in the books and for the first time, the New Orleans Saints are champions. I'm not going lie, I really wanted to see the Colts get their second title in the decade and for Manning, his second ring but I suppose I'm ok with Drew Brees getting his first instead; After all he does wear number nine in honor of boyhood-hero Ted Williams. Can't go wrong there, now can you ?

I really was rooting for the Colts though. I think it's sad that people still compare Manning to Brady when there really is no comparison. At the end of the day, Peyton Manning will be remembered as the best quarterback ever to suit up for an NFL game. Tom Brady will be remembered, too, but he shouldn't be mentioned in the same breath as Manning except to say they were the two best of their time. All-time however, Peyton will be remembered for more than Brady. Yes yes, his three rings are impressive and his numbers great; but Archie's boy has put up consistently staggering numbers. The only category Brady beats Manning in is rings.

Not to down play getting multiple rings. I mean, talk to Dan Marino about the importance of a ring? Ask Dan Fouts? They'll tell you how much they'd have liked to have won a Super Bowl and how much just one ring, let alone three rings, would have done for their legacies. Manning has his, Brady has three; If Manning had won last Sunday night in Miami, the conversation would have been over. Unfortunately, the debate will rage on until this time next year when Peyton gets ring number two.

Enough about Peyton; lets give credit where credit is due; if anyone deserved MVP honors for that game, it was Sean Payton. I know the coach can't win the award, but if there were a way for that to be ok, I'd be all for it. The on side kick to start the second half was arguably the most back-breaking, momentum swinging play in Super Bowl history. You have to have some type of gall to attempt that. If you don't recover, you're giving Peyton Manning, already with a lead, half the ground to cover to score; a gutsy move indeed, but it paid off big time and you have to respect that.

Perhaps the only negative thing from this years Super Bowl was that it was on CBS. I much prefer FOX to cover the Super Bowl because the pre, half time, and post game banter is more enjoyable. I'm so sick of Shannon Sharpe especially. Sometimes I think the movie *Radio* was made about his life. I think it should be a rule that you must know and be able to use 100 *real* English words before you're allowed in a broadcast booth. Tim McCarver, this goes for you too. Please, Annunciate and stop using words like "splosiveance" and "unconsistentical" (both words taken from TheOnion.com...check out the article, its brilliant.) in your analysis because no one knows what you're saying. We'd rather listen to our girlfriends talk about shoes....

Speaking of Super Bowls, NASCAR's Super Bowl will be this coming Sunday, Valentines Day. I know many of you aren't too excited, but I'm pumped. The Daytona 500 and Speed Weeks leading up to it are a high point in my year. The 500 and the events leading up to it are a nice little buffer between the end of football season (Super Bowl last Sunday) and the start of baseball season (pitchers, catchers and injured players voluntary report date is next Wednesday the 17th), which is the best part of my year. In a drastic turn from the norm, I'm picking Kyle Busch to win it this year. He's been close the last two years, leading just under half of the laps run from the last two 500's combined. I think (*hope) he'll get it done this time around.....

Perhaps bigger than the Daytona 500 this year will be Saturday's Nationwide Series race. Danica-mania will be on display in all its glory as the luscious Danica Patrick makes her Nationwide debut in the DRIVE4COPD 300. Danica finished 6th in this past Saturday's ARCA series Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 and silenced most, if not all of her critics. I for one hope she comes out and gets a top 15 finish on Saturday; not only would it be great for her and for the sport, but it'd mean we'd get to see more pictures of her on TV and as any guy who has ever seen her knows, that is a very good thing.....

And lastly, as the calendar inches its way closer to March and March Madness, I'd like to shout out to my pick for the tourney this year, the Syracuse Orange.

I got into Syracuse (said no due to snow and I didn't want to be associated with Donovan McNabb) and have been a fan for a long time. It'll be nice to see them make a run at the title this year, especially since everyone made such a big deal about the pre-season loss to Le Moyne. The Orange are 23-1 and the #2 team in the nation behind Kansas, who beat #14 Texas on Monday, but had previously struggled against unranked Colorado and Kansas State. Personally, I think with UConn basically out of the picture this year, Syracuse has its best shot at a title since Carmelo Anthony took them to the promise land....

Congratulations go out to the Boston College Eagles for their victory in the Bean Pot Tournament. They beat last years NCAA Hockey champion BU in the final at TD Garden in Boston on Monday night. For the Eagles, this years trophy marks the fourteenth time they have won, second only to this years runners up, the BU Terriers, who had 29 Beanpot titles.

More congratulations goes out this week to Miguel Angel Jimenez and Steve Stricker, who each one their golf tournaments this week. Jimenez won in Dubai and Stricker in LA at Riviera Country Club. For Jimenez, it was his sixteenth Euro Tour victory, and for Stricker, his eighth PGA Tour crown. Stricker's win lifts him to second in the World Golf rankings behind only Tiger Woods and just ahead of Phil Mickelson. This week, the PGA tour will be at Pebble Beach for the pro-am, an event I'm always excited to see.

I love celebrity golf and it's really the only time I peer into their lives like some sick voyeuristic loser with nothing better to do. I love knowing that even though Ray Romano and Bill Murray could buy and sell me a thousand times over, I'll always be a better golfer than they are and for some sick reason, that helps me sleep at night.

And unless I get to the point where I can't take the cold and snow any more (and trust me, Christ, I'm getting there...) and buzz off to St. Somewhere with my golf clubs and a bottle of rum, I'll see you next week. Until then and as always, keep your head on a swivel and watch the beverage, man.

Timeout with Teresa

By Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

The New Orleans Saints are the 2010 Superbowl champions, with their 31-17 victory over Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts last Sunday. However, this win was more than just a victory for the team, but for New Orleans itself.

Congratulations to the Saints for winning their first Superbowl title in their 42 year history, and for bringing up the spirits in New Orleans. With this win, the Saints offer the residents of New Orleans to close a dismal chapter in their lives and embrace the future: a winner.

Many New Orleans residents have been ecstatic over the Superbowl win, and say that it gives the city redemption from the terrors of Hurricane Katrina.

While the city still has some more work to be done before it's fully restored, the gloomy chapter of Katrina can now be closed, and they can begin to move on.

If you watched the Superbowl after the Saints won, you saw just how excited fans and people of New Orleans were.

They knew right then and there that things could be changing, and that they could be changing for the better. According to reports, people were crying in the streets because the Saints won. That says it all.

"Just to think of the road we've all traveled, the adversity we've all faced," Saints quarterback Drew Brees said. "It's unbelievable. I mean, are you kidding me? Four years ago, whoever thought this would be happening? Eighty-five percent of the city was under water. Most people left not knowing if New Orleans would ever come back, or if the organization would ever come back."

This year's Superbowl had 106.5 million viewers, which set a new record for Superbowl viewers, and made it the most watched U.S. telecast ever, according to rankings last Monday.

There is no doubt that Drew Brees and the Saints played an excellent game against the Colts. They got off to a bit of a slow start, but in the end they caught up and capitalized for the win.

"We play for much more than ourselves," Brees said. "We played for our city. We played for the entire Gulf Coast region. We played for the entire Who Dat nation that has been behind us every step of the way."

For a while, the Saints were referred to as the 'Aints, because of their losing records, and reputation the last few years as one of the worst teams in the league. Now, they have the title of winners.

"It means everything," Brees said. "We're here because of their strength and everything they fought through here the last few years. They've given us so much support, so we owe it all to our fans."

Photo courtesy of telegraph.co.uk

Drew Brees, the quarterback for the New Orleans Saints shows off the Lombardi Trophy.

The entire city of New Orleans needed this win, and the Saints went and got it for them. They played with all their heart and soul, and that paid off big. Brees out dueled Manning.

Now New Orleans can get the clean start it deserves, all with a little help from a football team.

"We just all looked at one another and said, 'We're going to rebuild together. We are going to lean on each other,'" Brees said. "That's what we've done the last four years and this is the culmination in all that belief."

Bravo Saints on a job well done. Enjoy the trophy.

WSC sports roundup

Articles by Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's women's swimming and diving team (5-3) defeated Western Connecticut State University last Saturday afternoon on Senior Recognition Day by a score of 129-109.

Placing first for the Owls were sopbomore Jenna Tasse in the 100 freestyle, senior Lindsey Malboeuf in the 100 backstroke, sophomore Kate Werner in the 200 freestyle, senior Libby Stewart in the 1,000 freestyle and sopbomore Kim Schmidt in one-meter diving.

Head coach Dave Laing honored the following seniors during their final home meet on Saturday: Mary Wilson, Ariana Mastro, Libby Stewart, Lauren Pellegrine, Lindsey Malboeuf, Caitlin Cbafee and Jenn Butler.

Westfield's men's ice hockey team improved to 11-7-2 (8-3-2 MASCAC record) with a 9-5 blowout victory over Framingham State last Saturday. The Owls rallied to score five goals in the final period to pull away from Framingham.

Sophomore forward A.J. Shiverdecker and freshman forward Danny Kaufman each scored two goals and an added one assist in the win. Senior Casey Mignone also scored two goals for Westfield. Junior Ray Monroe bad 36 saves in the net for the Owls.

WSC's men's and women's track and field teams competed in the Dartmouth University Indoor Classic last Saturday.

The meet was a non-scoring meet, but the Owls had many outstanding finishes for both the men and women.

Photo courtesy of westfieldstateowls.com
Rachel Ryan, a junior at Westfield State, placed fifth in the weight throw and tenth in the shot put last Sunday in the Dartmouth University Indoor Classic.

Senior Marc Gomes finisbed third in the 200 meter dash and fourth in the 60 meter dasb, while sophomore Jim Flynn placed sixth in the 60 and seventh in the 200. Freshman Brendan Corcoran finished third in the 500 and senior Brandon Palmer took third in the triple jump.

For the women's team, junior Rachel Ryan placed fifth in the weight throw and tenth in the shot put. Senior Kerry Arouca finished 11th in the 1000 meter run and sophomore Laura Poore finished 11th in the triple jump.

Both teams will compete in the MASCAC/Alliance Championships tomorrow in Southern Maine.

NBA All-Star festivities begin tonight

While many NBA players begin a four day set of much needed rest and relaxation tonight, the fun is just beginning for the players who were selected to participate in the various festivities of NBA All Star weekend in Dallas.

The action will kick off tonight when the league's best rookies and second-year players face off in the T-Mobile Rookie Challenge and Youth Jam. The game between the rookies and sophomores will start at 9 p.m. on TNT, and this year's rookie class believes they have a great chance to break a seven year streak and pull out the upset.

Led by a great group of guards that includes Tyreke Evans, Stephen Curry, Brandon Jennings and Johnny Flynn, the rookie team might have enough talent to defeat the more experienced sophomore team, who will be without reigning Rookie of the Year Derrick Rose after he was selected as a reserve for the regular All-Star Game.

The excitement will continue right into Saturday as NBA All-Star Saturday Night begins at 8 p.m. The Taco Bell Skills Challenge will include Deron Williams, Steve Nash, rookie Brandon Jennings and defending champ Derrick Rose, as the four point guards battle to see who is the best overall passer, ball handler and shooter.

The Foot Locker Three-Point Contest is the next event and will include Chauncey Billups, Stephen Curry, Danilo Gallinari, Channing Frye, Boston's own Paul Pierce and defending champ Daequan Cook. Gallinari and Frye are less known than the other competitors, but rank number one and three in the NBA respectively in three-pointers made. Pierce is shooting an impressive 46% from the three-point arc for the C's this season and Curry ranks second among rookies with 82 three-pointers made on the season.

Saturday night will conclude with the fan favorite Sprite Slam Dunk Contest. Defending champ and two-time winner Nate Robinson will look to defend his crown and become the event's first ever three-time winner against a field that will include Gerald Wallace and high-flying guard Shannon Brown.

Robinson, who stands at a mere 5'9", has become a fan favorite for his incredible dunks and "Kryptonite" routine to defeat Dwight "Superman" Howard in last year's Dunk Contest.

The fourth Dunk Contest participant will be either rookie DeMar DeRozan or second-year guard Eric Gordon. DeRozan and Gordon will face off in a "Dunk-In" during halftime of the Rookie Challenge and the winner will earn a spot in Saturday night's Dunk Contest.

The weekend's festivities will conclude Sunday night with the playing of the 2010 NBA All-Star Game. The game will be played in the newly built Cowboys Stadium in Arlington and could break the NBA's all-time attendance record.

The starting lineup for the Eastern Conference will feature Allen Iverson and Dwayne Wade as guards, Lebron James and Kevin Garnett as forwards and Dwight Howard at center. Joining Garnett on the Eastern Conference roster will be Boston's Paul Pierce and Rajon Rondo, who will be making his first All-Star appearance. Al Horford, Derrick Rose and Gerald Wallace will also be making their first All-Star appearances. Chris Bosh and Joe Johnson conclude the Eastern Conference roster.

Starting for the Western Conference will be guards Steve Nash and Kobe Bryant, forwards Carmelo Anthony and Tim Duncan, and center Amar'e Stoudemire.

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Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Be careful that you don't get caught up in any misguided adventures. You could be eager to enjoy some type of escape right now, but any travel plans could end up getting a little confused. Just realize that if you can't make yourself clear, it could stir up a little trouble.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
Don't be surprised if some friends or acquaintances have a few ideas about how they think you ought to be spending your money right now. You might want to be a little skeptical about any ideas your friends have to offer though.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You could be capable of accomplishing an awful lot this week. If you're not careful though, some old issues in your closest relationsbips could be coming back to bite you. And you just better be ready to take care of any pmblems in your most important relationships.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You'll probably feel like enjoying a little fun and adventure right now. But no matter how appealing that might sound to you, there are bound to be plenty of other obligations that'll end up requiring your attention.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Try not to take any unneeessary risks where your finances are concerned right now. If you're inclined to spend money a little more freely than usual, just realize that this could end up leading to a few disagreements with a friend or partner.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
If any difficult issues arise today, you might be inclined to become a little moody or withdrawn and want to keep things to yourself rather than trying to talk things through. Just be aware that if you don't change this appmach, you could end up experiencing some real conflicts.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You'll be feeling a little opinionated and will probably feel like saying whatever's on your mind. You could be inclined to be a little critical or sarcastic as well. But you just ought to realize that this pmbably won't go over too well with everyone.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You might be feeling a little out of sync with your loved ones this week. You may even find yourself feeling attracted to someone new at this time. And if things haven't been going too well of late, you might end up questioning some of your commitments where your loved ones are concemed right now.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
Your family might end up expecting an awful lot of your time and attention right now, and you might not be able to do everything just the way you want this week. You could be feeling a little moody or sensitive at the moment.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Don't be surprised if you find yourself easily distracted at the moment. You'll pmbably feel like complaining about a few things and might be a little opinionated as well.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You'll probably feel like getting out and spending a little time in the social whirl before the week is through. A few of your friends might have some thoughts about what you ought to be doing. But you should probably try to avoid doing anything that sounds at all risky.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
Even if there are a few stressful developments for you to have to deal with, you should be able to get a lot done before the week is through. Just be careful how you go about expressing yourself right now or you could end up giving the wrong impression,

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Delicious Taco Lasagna

Ingredients

1 pound of ground beef
1 (16 oz.) can whole peeled tomatoes, chopped
1 pkg. taco seasoning
1 (12 oz.) carton cottage cheese
1 1/2 cups of shredded cheese, Cheddar or Monterey Jack
2 eggs
12 corn tortillas
Chopped tomatoes

In skillet brown hamburger
Drain grease
Add canned tomatoes and taco seasoning
Simmer for 2 minutes
In bowl mix cottage cheese, 1 cup of the shredded cheese and the eggs.
In greased 9 x 13 inch pan layer 6 tortillas, 1/2 the meat, 1/2 the cheese mixture.
Then add another layer with the remaining ingredients.
Sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top.
Bake on 350 for 25 minutes.
ENJOY!
* a great side dish is nachos!

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Monday 2/15	High 33 Low 20		Snow Shower
Tuesday 2/16	High 35 Low 18		Snow Shower
Wednesday 2/17	High 34 Low 20		Sunny
Thursday 2/18	High 31 Low 15		Sunny

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WSC sleeps out for climate change

By Erin Judge
Voice Reporter

This past weekend I, along with six other students from Westfield State College, joined over 100 students from across the state on the Amherst town commons for the Leadership Campaign's first Sleep Out of the year.

We gave up a night of hanging out with friends, getting a good night's sleep and - dare I say - homework to sleep in tents in 20-degree weather.

What would prompt us to do such a thing? Our commitment to achieving 100% clean electricity by 2020.

Mark Cabral, one of our members, made the 26-mile trip on his bike, braving the cold wind, and arriving there in great time.

The rest of us arrived at 3 p.m. ready for an evening of speeches, live music and planning for the campaign.

Last semester we succeeded in meeting with Governor Patrick and introducing our bill to the State Legislature with 17 co-sponsors.

This semester our goal is to pass our bill, An Act to Create a Repower Massachusetts Emergency Task Force, which would assemble a taskforce to research what it will take to get to 100% clean electricity by 2020.

The science is clear that if we continue business as usual we will face catastrophic effects of climate change. Top NASA climatologist James Hanson released a report in 2008 that identified the safe level of CO_2 in the atmosphere at 350ppm.

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The purpose of this sleep out is to achieve completely clean energy by 2020.

This is the level at which humanity can continue to live in a world that is "similar to that on which civilization developed and to which life on Earth is adapted."

Accelerating arctic warming and other early climate impacts have led scientists to conclude that our current level of 390ppm will lead to rising ocean levels, drought, famine, disease and other catastrophic events.

Unless we are able to rapidly return to 350ppm in this century, we risk reaching tipping points and irreversible impacts such as the melting of the Greenland ice sheet and major methane releases from increased permafrost melt.

If any students (or professors!) are interested in joining the Leadership Campaign in our efforts to reach 100% clean electricity please attend our weekly meetings at 5:15 in Ely 3rd floor lounge or send me an email.

Erin Judge is the Campus Campaign Coordinator for the Westfield State College Leadership Campaign and can be reached at ejudge0474@wsc.ma.edu

Changes in housing signups benefit students

By Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

The Housing Selection process for the 2010-2011 academic year has begun.

For students who are sick of their roommates and are looking for a change, it is a breath of fresh air.

For students who are sticking to their current roommates next year, it is just a matter of where to live.

There will be general information sessions in all residence halls on Wednesday, Feb. 17 in Davis and Dickinson Halls and on Wednesday, Feb. 24 in Lammers, Courtney, New Hall, and Scanlon.

These information sessions will teach you how exactly to sign up for housing for next year.

The most important aspect of this process is to make sure you get your Room Reservation Deposit in.

These deposits are due in Residential Life on March 1 by 5:00 p.m.

If your deposit if not in by then, you will not get housing on campus next year.

The deposit is $200 and can be made by check or moneyorder. No cash or cards will be accepted.

If you are looking to be in a single room next year or if you have a Special or Medical Needs, those request forms are due in ResLife by March 12th.

There have been significant changes made in ResLife for the upcoming school year.

Courtney Hall, usually a little bit more expensive, will now have the same rates as Davis, Dickinson, Lammers, and Scanlon.

No first year students will be placed in Courtney next year.

Dickinson Hall will be all first-year just like Davis.

Current students will not have the option of living in either Davis or Dickinson.

As for Junior- Senior Apartment, students who create a four person roster will be able to create a six person roster as well.

This will not guarantee that you will get a six person apartment but it will greater your chances of getting an apartment on campus.

All apartments, Old Apartments and New Hall, have the opportunity of being co-ed.

In order to have co-ed housing, both the four person roster and six person roster must be coed. Individual bedrooms must be same sex.

For those of you who still do not know who you are going to room with next year, don't panic.

There will be a Meet and Greet for regular residence halls on Wednesday, March 24 at 8 p.m. in Scanlon Banquet Hall D.

For those looking at apartment style living, the Meet and Greet is March 24 at 9 p.m.

Remember to look for your housing materials and lottery numbers in your campus mailbox on March 8th.

Look for important dates as to when your signup date for housing is.

Rooms will be decided based on Lottery Number.

The lowest number between you and your roommate for next year is the number you sign up with.

If you pay attention to dates and make sure you are your roommate for next year are on the same page then you will have no trouble picking your room for next year.

If there are any questions, you can go to www.wsc.ma.edu/reslife.

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Scanlon Living Room

11 p.m.
Brown Bag Bingo
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, February 27
2:30 p.m.
The Actor's Nightmare
by Christopher Durang
Ely Studio Theatre

5:35 p.m.
Men's ice hockey vs. Plymouth State

8:30 p.m.
Movie: *2010*
FREE FOOD!
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After Hours Party
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Sunday, February 28
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Free Swim Lessons
Wellness Center

8:30 p.m.
2010 encore
Ely Main Lounge

Wednesday, March 3
6 p.m.
Speaker Series
Zbigniew Brzezinski
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The U.S., Russia, and the politics of missiles

By **Mike Brill**
Voice Reporter

On February 19th, Russian Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov raised the prospect of the Kremlin deploying ballistic missiles to the nation's Baltic Sea enclave of Kaliningrad. He told reporters on a visit to Finland, "If there is some threat from Europe to Russia, then we will place them [there]... This is a matter where the decision is made by the president." Serdyukov declined to elaborate on the nature of potential threats but added, "We have repeatedly discussed this issue, and unless there is a direct threat to Russia we will not place Iskander missiles in Kaliningrad."

The threat of placing ballistic missiles in Kaliningrad has been used by Russia in the past. Initially, it was leveled in response to the Bush administration's plans for a missile-defense shield based in Eastern Europe. The Bush administration insisted that the shield was not directed at Russia but instead Iran, a country whose conventional missiles could not effectively target the countries hosting the interceptors, and one who had no motivation for attacking Eastern Europe even if they could. After President Obama entered the White House last January, Moscow

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Russia's Iskander missile launcher.

halted its scheduled Iskander missile-deployments when the U.S. president signaled he was breaking from the policy of his predecessor and backing away from the missile shield. Instead, Obama said that the U.S. would place its interceptors closer to Iran in the Persian Gulf region.

Poland and the Czech Republic, two countries that spent nearly half of the 20th century under Soviet-Russian domination and who were eager to receive the full benefits of the U.S.-NATO security blanket, were outraged over President Obama's reversal. Last October, Vice President Joe Biden traveled to Eastern Europe to unveil a revamped but more targeted plan to place smaller interceptors in the region. Biden stated, "Simply put, our missile plan is better security for NATO, and is better security for Poland, and ultimately better security for the United States of America."

Then on January 20th of this year, Polish Defense Minister Bogdan Klich announced that the interceptors and U.S. troops would be deployed near the northern city of Morag, which is a mere 35 miles from Poland's border with Kaliningrad. Klich denied that the decision to place them there had anything to do with Russia and explained, "The only reason was the good infrastructure." Morag is already the home of a Polish military base. Klich also told the press that the first interceptor missiles could arrive by the end of March or in early April.

The planned location of the interceptors was not lost on Moscow. Neither was the fact that under the Obama administration's new missile shield, though smaller in size, interceptor missiles would actually be placed closer to Russian territory than under the Bush administration's plan. Along with Poland, U.S. troops and interceptors are scheduled to be deployed in Romania. Despite being mentioned as another link in the shield, Bulgaria's government announced on February 19th that it has yet to meet with the Obama administration about the plan.

The revamped missile shield appears to be a major obstacle in U.S.-Russian negotiations over a new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. The previous START agreement expired at the end of last year. On February 19th, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told Interfax news agency that U.S. plans are "influencing" the ongoing negotiations. More so than the close proximity of Morag to Kaliningrad, the biggest issue for the Russians is reported to be the placement of interceptors in Romania, which they consider to be too close to Russia itself and a threat to their security.

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Speaker Series continues with Zbigniew Brzezinski

By **Caitlin Penndorf**
Editor-in-Chief

Zbigniew Brzezinski will be guest speaking at Westfield State on Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Woodward Center as part of the 2010 Speaker Series.

Brzezinski served as President Jimmy Carter's National Security Advisor from 1977 to 1981, which lead him to win the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1981 for his work with the United States and Chinese relations, along with his work in national security, according to The Johns Hopkins University, which is where he is currently a Professor of American Foreign Policy.

From the mid 1960's and late 1980's, the Poland native was also a part of the Policy Planning Council of the Department of State, President's Chemical Warfare Commission, NSC-Defense Department Commission on Integrated Long-Term Strategy, and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

According to Westfield State College's website, Brzezinski is "known for his hawkish foreign policy at a time when the Democratic Party was increasingly dovish, he is a foreign police 'realist' and considered by some of the Democrats' response to Republican Henry Kissinger."

Brzezinksi's opinions on Government matters, especially those focusing on international affairs, have been made prominent over the past years. He's been outspoken about some decisions made within the Clinton administration and also Russia's First Chechen War, which was between Russia and Chechnya in the mid-nineties. Checbnya wanted independence from Russia, which lead Russian forces to invade. qBrzezinski formed the American Committee for Peace in Chechnya as a result of this war.

Brzezinski is also known as a well-respected geostrategist.

He wrote a book on geostrategy in 1997 entitled *The Grand Chessboard* where he discussed Eurasia and how the Untied States could best retain its "global primacy" in regards to the area.

He continues to use his knowledge of geostrategy to vocalize his opinions and views on the United States' policies and plans.

He is also a Center for Strategic and International Studies trustee and counselor and also a co-chair of the CSIS Advisory Board.

According to the CSIS website (CSIS.org). "Dr. Brzezinski holds honorary degrees from Georgetown University, Williams College, Fordham University, College of the Holy Cross, Alliance College, the Catholic University of Lublin, Warsaw Univetsity, and Vilnius University. Dr. Brzezinski holds honorary degrees from Georgetown University, Williams College, Fordham University, College of the Holy Cross, Alliance College, the Catholic University of Lublin, Warsaw University, and Vilnius University."

Along with the presentation on March 3, there will be a reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Woodward Center for those interested.

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

In 1950, the People's Republic of China declared sovereignty over Tibet and the government of Tibet has been at odds with the Chinese government since. The Dalai Lama, however, said on *Larry King Live* on Monday night that Tibet is "not seeking independence."

The Dalai Lama said that Tibet does not want separation from China, but it does want better human rights and also better education for Tibetan children. This interview was the first after the Dalai Lama met with President Obama last week.

This meeting was highly criticized by the Chinese government, which believes that the Dalai Lama is an anti-China separatist.

The Dalai Lama has said himself that he wants to see more freedom for Tibetans, not complete independence. But the Chinese government still said that American-Chinese relations would be hurt and tensions would rise if Obama met with the Tibetan spiritual leader.

They did meet and China will have to get used to it. Even if the Obama Administration does not push China to allow greater autonomy to Tibetans, it should push for more recognition of basic human rights. If Tibetans are suffering, then the United States should not hesitate to support it or put pressure on China.

Some would say that Tibet and China have a complicated relationship as it is. Adding the United States into this complicated mix seems to create unnecessary trouble. So the question remains: how involved should the U.S. be in Tibetan-Chinese relations?

Many would say that this interference would jeopardize the relations between the United States and China, but if Tibetans are not enjoying freedom and their human rights are infringed upon, then will the United States really just stand by?

It is true that the United States should not be the "police" of the world. However, as a country that constantly promotes human rights and freedom, the U.S. must realize how imperative it is to aid others who seek those liberties and rights. The U.S. government does not have to support the Tibetan Independence Movement.

Even the Dalai Lama does not support that. The U.S. only needs to support Tibet in its goals for a free people. This may anger China but the U.S. cannot continue to turn away while it engages in free trade with China if people are suffering in Tibet under China's strict control.

The U.S. has a responsibility to make sure that it trades with other nations who do not oppress their own people.

Tibet may never become a free and independent nation separate from China, but that does not mean that it has to suffer under China forever. The U.S. can help the Tibet and Chinese relations and Obama meeting with the Dalai Lama shows that the U.S. can help Tibet even if these decisions are unpopular with the Chinese government

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Class of 2010 faces tough market, but index shows signs of improvement

While the job market for new college graduates remains tough, there are signs that the job market is improving, according to results of monthly polls conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

NACE's latest poll, reported as an index, shows that the index for college hiring stands at 98.2—up from 87.2 in the November poll. (See Figure 1.) The current poll covers employer expectations over the January, February, and March time frame, but is updated monthly to reflect expectations on an ongoing basis.

In addition, there has been steady improvement in the number of employers that expect to increase their college hiring: Approximately one-third (33.4 percent) of the employers polled in December said they expect to increase their college hiring, compared to 28 percent in the November poll and 26 percent in the October poll. Currently, 26.7 percent reported plans to reduce college hiring—a lower percentage for reduction than has been seen in some time, according to Mackes.

The current poll, conducted December 2, 2009 - January 4, 2010, also shows that employers plan to be more active in recruiting new college graduates for their work forces. Currently, the recruiting activity index is at 95.4—up from 89.8 in November. However, much of that increase reflects the timing of the November and December polls.

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The Dalai Lama

Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

China and Tibet have never been friendly because Tibet has always tried to break away from the ownership of China.

The Dalai Lama has helped Tibet with the break away and China sees this as an embarrassment because they cannot control them.

Also, if they are such a great country, why are they having a virtual civil war within their own country?

According to dalailama.com, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is both the head of state and the spiritual leader of Tibet.

When he came to the United States in the past, China would plead with the president to not meet with him.

China and the United States, although not military allies, are economically tied together.

If the president of the United States meets with the Dalai Lama, it would be, essentially, a slap in the face and wouldn't look good for the Chinese, seeing as he is causing internal strife in China.

In the past, the presidents would disregard China's plea and meet with the Dalai Lama anyways.

They would meet with him openly in the White House to the joy of the American people.

Last year, the Dalai Lama came to the United States and, again, China asked President Obama not to meet with him.

Unlike his predecessors, Obama refused to meet with His Holiness.

Many experts asked why.

The most logical response to that question would be that the United States doesn't want to upset the country that is bankrolling their debt.

For example, if you have a mortgage with a bank on your home, you don't want to upset the banker as he may demand payment on that debt causing you to go bankrupt.

Just recently, in 2010, the Dalai Lama came to Washington again and China still advised Obama to not meet with him.

President Obama could not refuse to meet with him again, so they met over the weekend.

There was very little press allowed to view this meeting and it was reported that when the Dalai Lama left the White House, he did so by being hustled quickly out the back door.

So quickly that even the press that was present could not snap a photo of him.

Once again, Washington and Obama bow down to another nation of the world.

When it comes to bowing down, Obama has become an expert.

He has bowed to almost every foreign leader. Really bowed down.

Recently, he even bowed down to a mayor in Florida who is a Japanese American, but it seems the president is just so quick to please he bows to anyone who looks differently than himself.

And according to Reuters, "Beijing clearly was not placated, saying it was "strongly dissatisfied" about the meeting and expected Washington to take steps to put bilateral relations back on a healthy course.

"Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said the meeting between Obama and the Dalai Lama 'violated the U.S. governments repeated acceptance that Tibet is a part of China and it does not support Tibetan independence.'"

We get most, if not all, of our trade from China. Upsetting them is the last thing we want to do.

We are not militarily linked with them, which isn't good either.

The United States should want to keep a good tie and strong bond with China to keep our economy somewhat stable.

Also, we owe China a lot of money so upsetting them could cause them to want us to pay back the money now.

Money that we don't have.

I'm not saying this is all Obama's fault because presidents in the past have met with the Dalai Lama before.

However, following in the same footsteps that were mistakes is not good.

Continuing to meet with this man who China strongly dislikes and has exiled is not a very smart idea.

I hope that next time this guy comes around, Obama is wise enough to listen to the Chinese when they plead with him to stay away.

Student of the Week

Kate Nagi
Communications
Junior

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Taylor Swift, because I'm obsessed with her to the point now where it's unhealthy.

If you could only listen to three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
Taylor Swift, Third Eye Blind and State Radio

What's the last movie you saw in theaters?
Shutter Island, and it was outrageous.
You need to go see it.

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?
The people, my friends... and the Communication Department is ok too, I suppose

What's your favorite snack? Beer.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
Hopefully live in Boston working for some sort of radio or TV station.

Is your bed made right now?
No.

What is your favorite material object?
I'm not very materialistic, but my laptop.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
I work at the *As Schools Match Wits* TV show and I have my own radio show, Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Got anything else to say?
See above ^^

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

The politics of missiles

▪ Continued on page 4

In response to the Romanian government's approval of the Obama administration's revamped plan, Igor Smirnov, rebel leader of the Moldovan breakaway region of Transdniestria, announced his regime's willingness to host Russian ballistic missiles on February 14th.

Interfax news agency quoted him as saying, "We are not against it... As far as Iskander is concerned, we have long said we are ready."

The region of Transdniestria is the site of one of the many post-Cold War frozen conflicts.

Though the rebels did not receive official Russian support in the 1992 war there, they greatly benefited from the presence of the Russian 14th Army.

Many Russian officers and soldiers were sympathetic to the Transdniestrian rebels and large volumes of Russian Army weaponry found its way into their hands. Some 1,400 Russian soldiers are still deployed in the region today.

The Obama administration faces many challenges.

While attempting to extend American power further east into Russia's traditional sphere of influence, they are at the same time trying to negotiate a replacement to the expired-START agreement and win Moscow's support for further isolating Iran.

On Iran, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov announced that Russia opposes "crippling sanctions" and added, "Only sanctions having to do with the strengthening of the nuclear non-proliferation regime can be viewed in terms of Russia's position."

The announcement came in the aftermath of the victory of the Pro-Russian candidate in Ukraine's elections, effectively overturning the U.S.-sponsored Orange Revolution in that country, and a new Russian military agreement with the Georgian breakaway region of Abkhazia.

As events over the past several months have shown, resetting relations between the United States and Russia is not a simple task.

Study shows Westfield State College "best value" for graduation

For high school seniors and their families poised to make the decision about where to attend college, a new study suggests Westfield State College is the best value in Massachusetts, offering students the greatest chance to obtain a college degree among all public and private institutions.

Westfield State tops all other institutions of higher education in the state on a scale of "graduation rate per dollar of expected net price," based on a formula that combines graduation rates and college costs.

The next five institutions on the scale are Harvard, the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Williams, Amherst and MIT.

"This historic institution founded in 1838 by Horace Mann offers the best education value in the state when you weigh the quality and success of our programs along with the relative costs of higher education," said Evan S. Dobelle, president of Westfield State College. "This study offers an absolute statistical measure offering the assurance that families are getting the most out of their college investment."

The recently released study, published by the Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth (MassINC) is intended to help families make more informed decisions on college choices and costs. The authors, C. Anthony Broh and Dana Ansel, went beyond traditional college rankings, general reputations and marketing to give parents new tools for comparison.

The study suggests the value of the educational experience should be based on accountability measures, such as student-faculty ratio, instructional expenditures per student (faculty salaries), standardized test scores and the likelihood of graduating in four years.

Editor's Desk

Hello folks! -

Today is a blustery miserable winter day in New England. I appreciated the two hour delay however there was still roughly an inch of slush on the sidewalks around campus, which was certainly not pleasant.

We've only got two more weeks until Spring Break and only one more edition of the newspaper. Hopefully we'll get some fabulous weather over break and suddenly it'll be spring. I'm sure this is just wishful thinking but hey, can't a girl dream?

Let us know if you're doing anything interesting over break and if you'd like to write about your travels, we'd love to publish them! E-mail us at thevoice@wsc.ma.edu.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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The ocean conveyor

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

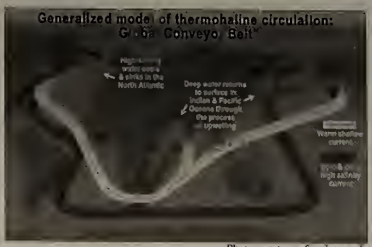
If extremely large pieces of ice were to break off the Greenland ice sheet and slide into the north Atlantic Ocean it could have a major impact on its thermohaline circulation - known as the ocean "conveyor belt", a term coined by geochemist Wally Broecker.

This conveyor runs along the Gulf Stream, bringing warm water from the tropics and providing places like Europe its continental weather.

Broecker's idea of the ocean conveyor (criticized by some of his peers as being too simple of a concept) is that it has an 'on' and 'off' mode.

If an excessive amount of freshwater, like that from the Greenland ice sheet, were to flow into the North Atlantic it would cause an indefinite shutdown of the conveyor.

Past ice ages experienced by the planet are attributed to the shutting 'off' of the conveyor; the switch from 'on' to 'off' has historically coincided with a switch from warm to cold throughout the Northern Hemisphere.



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Generalized model of the thermohaline circulation, also known as the global or ocean conveyor belt.

The science behind the movie *The Day After Tomorrow* is that in which the thermohaline circulation is shut down.

And while the events in the film are substantially sped up, the weather and climate-related changes are essentially those that climatologists predict should the ocean conveyor tipping point be set off.

The most radical scenario would be a major ice age, but colder climate in New England and Europe is expected if the flow of warm water in the Gulf Stream stops.

These potentially intense and far-reaching changes make the Atlantic conveyor belt both crucial and delicate, which is why Broecker has called it the "Achilles heel of the climate system."

From there we head south, to discuss the climatic importance of the Amazon Rainforest.

Stay tuned.

Westfield State's Musical Theatre Guild to present Once on This Island

Westfield State College's Musical Theatre Guild will present Once on This Island, a musical that takes place in Haiti, for its spring production.

The show will take place at Dever Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, March 4-6, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, March 6, as well.

It is open to the public, and tickets are $6 for general admission, $4 for senior citizens and alumni of the college, and $2 for students.

Tickets are available at the door.

Written and composed by Lynn Ahrens and Steve Flaherty, this show tells the story of Ti Moune, a young peasant girl who falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island.

The show follows Ti Moune, as she tests the strength of love against the power of death, and focuses on the effects that social class can have on love.

The production, directed by senior Greg Schoorens and junior Tyler Cavanagh, stars senior Martina Desnoyers as Ti Moune, and sophomore Stephán Castro-Barboza as Daniel.

The gods are played by senior Rachel Baril, junior Brian Stokes, freshman Stephanie Elie, and freshman Chris Holmes, as Asaka, Agwe, Erzuli, and Papa Ge, respectively.

For more information, or to reserve tickets, contact Brian Cipoletta at (781) 820-8359.

Editor's Desk

Sometimes, when it snows like it did today, I am reminded of a very, very old Hey Arnold episode in which the mail man is walking down the street singing a song "I hate the snow, I hate the snow, I hate the rain and I hate the snow." That is exactly how I felt when I woke up this morning. I need to move to Bora Bora.

I'm sure though, everyone enjoyed the nice two hour delay! We need more of those, don't you think?

I'm disappointed that the communications networking event has been canceled for late this afternoon, but I know it will be rescheduled! At least we don't have to get all dressed up in this gross weather! Look for an email from Susan Leggett that tells the new date of the conference!

Enjoy your weekend everyone!

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REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

1993 WORLD TRADE CENTER ATTACK

Seventeen years ago this week, the first terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City occurred when Ramzi Yousef exploded a car bomb under the North Tower.

The explosion killed six people and injured 1,042 others in what was to date the worst terrorist attack perpetuated on American soil.

The initial plan intended for the North tower to explode and fall into the South tower and kill thousands of people; instead, only six perished and the majority of the injuries came during the extremely difficult evacuation of the buildings.

World Trade Center

The memorial, which was erected in honor of those lost, was itself lost, along with the towers on September 11th, 2001.

A small piece of the memorial recovered after 9/11 will serve as the center piece in a new memorial being erected in memory of those lost at the site in 2001 and 1993.

JOHNNY CASH

Born this week in 1932, J.R. "Johnny" Cash was born in Kingsland, Arkansas.

The man in black would go on to become one of the most popular musicians in history for his contributions to country, rock and roll, folk, gospel and blues music. Throughout his life, Cash battled addictions to prescription drugs and alcohol and would occasionally perform under the influence. Besides his music, for which he was immensely popular, many know Cash through the film "Walk the Line," which closely chronicled his relationship with musician June Carter and the turbulent period of his life leading up to their marriage and his rebirth. Cash, always compassionate towards prisoners, played a major role in prison reform movements during the Nixon administration. In honor of Cash, Rick Rubin and Lost Highway records will release "American VI: Ain't No Grave" on his 78th birthday, February 26th of this year

Johnny Cash

JOHN CANDY

One of the funniest men in television history, the great Canadian comedian John Candy passed away this week in 1994.

Candy, known mostly for his roles in films such as *Blues Brothers*, *Planes Trains and Automobiles*, *Armed and Dangerous*, *Spaceballs* and what is considered to be his break out role as Tom Hanks womanizing brother in 1984's *Splash*.

Candy, plagued by obesity most of his adult life, passed away on March 4th, 1994 in his sleep in Durango, Mexico while filming the movie *Wagons East*.

John Candy

Candy got his start in the late 70's and early 80's as a prominent player on SCTV (second city television).

In his honor, Candy was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame and in 2006 was the first of four entertainers to ever be honored by being featured on a postage stamp in his home country Canada.

McAdams and Bana star in time travel flick

By Sarah Scherer
Voice Reporter

The 2009 film, The Time Traveler's Wife, is based on the book by Audrey Niffenegger and was directed by Robert Schwentke.

The film stars The Notebook's Rachel McAdams and Black Hawk Down's Eric Bana.

Bana plays Henry, a dashing librarian whose unfortunate gene anomaly forces him to time travel at inconvenient times. McAdams plays Clare, a red haired girl who has loved him her whole life from when he first visited her when she was a small girl.

The subject of time travel has always been fascinating to me.

The concept is so alluring because of the impossibility of it.

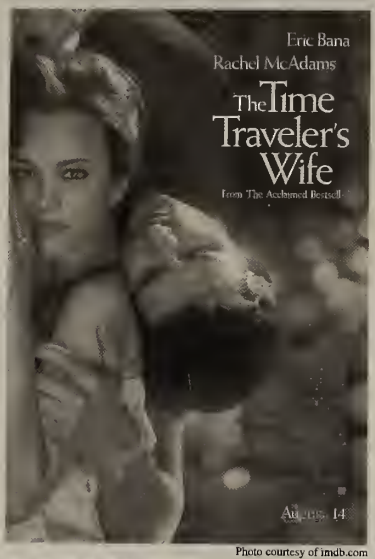
If a man travels back in time to when his wife first meets him but not the first time he meets her, did that meeting already happen?

Or does it continue to happen, in a never-ending cycle, where Henry meets little Clare, and she will later meet him, then in a few years he'll travel back in time to meet her again?

When Henry and Clare meet finally in the present timeline for both of them, they get together and are soon married.

Schwentke is best known for directing the airplane thriller Flightplan, a film that I have yet to meet someone who will say that they liked it.

As someone who read and loved the book, I was trying not to completely judge it based on its relevance to the book.



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The Time Traveler's Wife

Yes, a lot of parts were left out, like the character of Henry's ex girlfriend, Clare's relationship with her friend Gomez, and the cringe-worthy scene of Henry's father walking in on him having sex with himself after traveling back in time.

As far as the actors went I had mostly no complaints. Bana was convincing as Henry, a charismatic and loving man who struggles with his problem on a daily basis.

Though McAdams was convincing for the most part, I feel an unknown actress would have worked better, as McAdams is too strong willed and not as sweet as I'd imagined Clare to be.

Although the movie left a lot out, the parts it did show were very faithful to the book.

As an unusual combination of a romance and sci-fi flick, The Time Traveler's Wife rightly delivers.

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Presentation: 7:00 pm
Woodward Center

Danny Glover
Friday April 2, 2010
Reception: 6:30 pm
Presentation: 8:00 pm

Tickets are $25 for the Q&A only
$50 for the reception and Q&A

Greg Mortenson
Thursday, April 29, 2010
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Location: Woodward Center

Tickets are free for faculty, staff and students, $35 for the general public, and $30 for Westfield State Alumni. Seating is limited.

SPRING BREAK!
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A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Albums
1. Sade - Solider of Love
2. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
3. Jaheim - Another Round
4. Lil Wayne - Rebirth
5. Josh Turner - Haywire
6. tobyMac - Tonight
7. Lady Gaga - The Fame
8. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.
9. Susan Boyle - I Dreamed a Dream
10. Taylor Swift - Fearless

Top 10 Singles
1. Ke$ha - TiK ToK
2. Artists For Haiti - We Are the World 25
3. The Black Eyed Peas - Imma Be
4. Young Money feat. Lloyd - BedRock
5. Lady Gaga - Bad Romance
6. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
7. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
8. Ludacris - How Low
9. Jason Derulo - In My Head
10. David Guetta feat. Akon - Sexy Chick

Top Movies
1. Shutter Island
2. Valentine's Day
3. Avatar
4. Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thieg
5. The Wolfman

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Jamie Foxx - Body
2. Natalie Merchant - Leave Your Sleep
3. Scorpions - Sting in the Tail
4. Barenaked Ladies - All io Good Time
5. Trina - Amazin'

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Where the Wild Things Are
2. 2012
3. Alice
4. South Park ($13)
5. Breaking Bad ($2)

Upcoming Video Games
1. Superstars V8 Next Challenge
2. MLB 2K10
3. Battlefield: Bad Company 2
4. Resident Evil 5: Gold Edition
5. Metro 2033

Upcoming Rock Band downloadable content (Harmonix)
H.I.M. 3 pack:
1. Heartkiller
2. Ode to Solitude
3. Wings of a Butterfly
Singles:
1. KSM - Distracted
2. Marilyn Manson - The Dope Show
3. One Night Only - Just for Tonight
4. The Police - Walking on the Moon

Guitar Hero 5 content
No content announcement yet for March, but Guitar Hero 6 recently confirmed: Tesla's "Modern Day Cowboy" will be on setlist.

Time Machine

A trip back through Music History

by Franny Zupancic
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Another Top Ten of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Snubs

To continue to voice the disappointment over our fallen heroes (even Hall & Oates) here are yet again ten more Rock and Roll Hall of Fame 'should-bes.'

10. Weird Al Yankovic
Eligible since: 2004

While it may be absolutely crazy to suggest that the 'Weird One' be enshrined laong the likes of Jimi Hendrix and Clapton, consider this: Alfred Yankovic is the BEST at what he does.

Despite not having too many peers in the polka-infused parody genre, Yankovic was the best, selling over 12 million albums and earning three Grammy Awards.

While some artists are not receptive to the idea of having their 'art' parodied, some artists feel honored by the concept, and in some cases it gives their original songs even more exposure.

Rapper Chamillionaire liked Yankovic's "White & Nerdy" (a parody of "Ridin'") so much that he even put it on his own Myspace profile.

The rapper gave credit to Yankovic for his own Grammy Award win, saying that his own song's popularity increased due to the popularity of the parody. "White & Nerdy" was Yankovic's first career top 10 hit.
Listen to: "Weird Al" Yankovic in 3-D (1984), Even Worse (1988), Bad Hair Day (1996)

9. Jethro Tull
Eligible since: 1993

Speaking of the Grammy Awards, there's a reason Jethro Tull 'stole' the win from 2009 Rock Hall inductees Metallica for the 1989 Hard Rock/Metal award: they are good. After selling 60 million albums, the progressive art-rock band should be inducted.

The band did not attend the ceremony after being told they had 'no chance of winning,' but that was clearly not the case.
Listen to: Aqualung (1971)

8. LL Cool J
Eligible since: 2009

The self-proclaimed G.O.A.T. (greatest of all time) artist should be the next inductee from the rap/hip-hop genre. After inducting Grandmaster Flash and Run-D.M.C., the Hall is due for another act from the genre. LL Cool J is the obvious choice, having sold 13 million albums in the United States alone, which is a solid statistic for any genre.

In 1997, MTV awarded LL Cool J the Video Music Vanguard Award for career achievement.
Listen to: Bigger and Deffer (B.A.D.), Mama Said Knock You Out (1990)

7. Pat Benatar
Eligible since: 2004

Pat Benatar is one of the top-selling female artists of all-time, and there is no reason why she wouldn't be included in the induction process.

It's shocking that Benatar hasn't even been considered yet. Crimes of Passion was certified multi-platinum (5x) and is arguably as influential to aspiring female rockers as Heart was.
Listen to: In the Heat of the Night (1979), Crimes of Passion (1980)

6. B-52s
Eligible since: 2004

Last week I made a case for Devo deserving an induction nod, and it's only fair that The B-52s get the same treatment. The B-52s are one of those 'uncategorizable' bands that are likely to have influences bands from all ends of the music spectrum.

Image courtesy of in.com

At the rate he's going, Neil Diamond might have a better shot at getting into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

After thirty years together as a band, they are still together, most recently appearing on the 2009 CMT Music Awards, performing "Love Shack" with Sugarland.

Both "Rock Lobster" and "Love Shack" appeared on Rolling Stone Magazine's 500 Greatest Songs of All Time list.
Listen to: The B-52's (1979), Cosmic Thing (1989)

5. Neil Diamond
Eligible since: 1988

Before Boston sports fans absolutely destroyed "Sweet Caroline" with added gibberish like "bah-bah-bah," "so good, so good," and whatever drunken additions felt needed to make the song relevant to the eighth inning of Réd Sox games, Neil Diamond used to be a credible performer.

Selling over 115 million albums world wide, Diamond has had one of the best careers of all-time as an adult contemporary artist.

Diamond may not be complaining about the recent Boston-area resurgence of his work, but the point is that he was deserving even before this. Being eligible since 1988, Diamond is likely wondering if the Hall of Fame has forgotten about him.
Listen to: Jonathan Livingston Seagull (1973), Love at the Greek (1977)

4. Peter Gabriel
Eligible since: 2002

Despite his plans not to be present when Genesis gets their induction in March, Peter Gabriel should be present at a future ceremony to receive induction for his solo career.

With a slew of hits including "Sledgehammer," "Solsbury Hill," and "In Your Eyes," Gabriel was very successful after leaving Genesis.

Gabriel was a pioneer in digital distribution methods in the music industry, and is planning to release his new album without the aid of a record company, sharing similar marketing philosophies as Dick Dale.
Listen to: Car (1977), So (1986)

3. Red Hot Chili Peppers
Eligible since: 2009

This may not need a whole lot of explanation, and to be fair, they only became eligible in 2009, so I'm 'jumping the gun' a bit here. However, they should have made it in on their first year of eligibility.

Since the release of their breakthrough album, "Mother's Milk," the Chili Peppers have not released an album that hasn't reached at least platinum status.

This consistency is due to a loyal fan-base and an evolution in styles from an early funk/rap-rock/metal style to modern, softer, melodic styles with intricate guitar and bass work by John Frusciante and Flea, respectively.

Expect the Red Hot Chili Peppers to be inducted within the next few years, unless the Hall of Fame is worried of a dress-code breach.
Listen to: Blood Sugar Sex Magik (1991), Californication (1999), Stadium Arcadium (2006)

2. Steve Miller Band
Eligible since: 1993

Steve Miller Band has had countless hits and are sure-fire future inductees to the Hall of Fame. The committee apparently has not heard "The Steve Miller Band's Greatest Hits 1974-1978" (13 million copies sold since 1978) or viewed the 2007 "Live from Chicago" DVD, which showcases Steve Miller as a fantastic, underrated guitarist.
Greatest Hits 1974-1978 (1978), Live in Chicago (2007)

1. Grand Funk Railroad
Eligible since: 1994

Grand Funk may have fallen out of the spotlight in the modern era, but in the seventies, they were on fire.

Allegedly hated by critics but loved by audiences, Grand Funk sold over 25 million albums and released four albums in 1970 that were certified gold. No other band was that consistent in 1970.

You have probably heard "We're An American Band," "Some Kind of Wonderful," or "Closer to Home/I'm Your Captain" on your favorite classic rock station, or played "We're an American Band" in Guitar Hero 5.

However, this a band worth that deserves a much closer listen.
Listen to: Closer to Home (1970), We're an American Band (1973)

The Westfield Voice: Letters to the editor

Response to Conservative Corner

Yes, I do have an answer. Or at least a countering opinion.

First of ail, let me state that I do not identify as either a "liberal" or a "conservative." Similarly I wouldn't call myself squarely Republican or squarely Democrat. I'm a person and I believe what I believe, no matter what ideological camp those beliefs my fall under.

That being said, I would like to take issue with some of the opinions expressed in last week's article of "The Conservative Corner." I realize that the author did not wish to offend anybody, but it seemed to me as though an opinion was formed solely for the sake of forming an opinion. I felt that the article was generally misinformed.

I agree that some of the programs mentioned can get out of hand. However, for as many people who misuse the system, there are also those who greatly benefit from it. For instance, think of the elderly who live off of social security. These people do not always have caring family members to aid them, and often, even with social security benefits, need to make a choice between heating their home in the winter or purchasing the medications needed to remain in good health.

As a responsible columnist, you need to take into consideration the fact that you do not know the circumstances of the individuals you criticize, and you need to make sure that the facts you state in such an article are correct. You don't know that the people purchasing food with food stamps or E. B. T. cards are just taking a government "freebie." You don't know that the people being temporarily supported by unemployment checks aren't desperately searching for a job. You don't know that people receiving assistance for housing and heating can't otherwise afford a place to live and the oil to heat it with.

Also, the author of the article makes the presumptuous statement that people receiving such assistance "...are never going to get jobs, never going to straighten their lives up because they don't have to." This is impossible for you to ever know, and is also a grossly offensive statement in its own right.

Yes, there are people who abuse the system. But there are people who find means to abuse any system. The system through which people receive government aid, whether through unemployment, social security, food stamps, or what have you, serves more people who need it than who don't. Such programs are important to the welfare of this country, especially in the economic recession we now find ourselves in.

The country is not "going broke" because it is giving funding to those who need it. There are other forces at work that factor into our country's economic welfare, and government assistance programs are a small percentage of those forces. I don't deny that such programs are funded with our tax money. But if you were ever in a position where you needed assistance, I'm sure you would be grateful for it.

In an age that's quickly forgetting the values of an older America, values of brotherhood and good will, it's important that we don't forsake the people in our country who need us the most.

- Mary Cafferty

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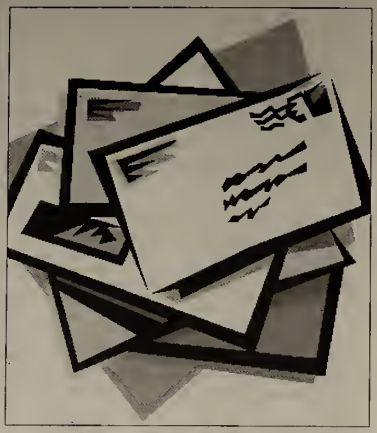

First and foremost I want to say that I really didn't mean to offend anyone and I surely didn't mean to be disrespectful or dishonest.

The point of the column is to say my opinion and I do just that.

While doing so, I probably should have put in more background information on the entitlements and such.

However, although it may not seem that way in print, many of my comments are sarcastic.

"...are never going to get jobs, never going to straighten their lives up because they don't have to."

I did not say that statement because I knew that was the truth.

I wasn't basing it on logic, reason, or research. I based it solely on what my thoughts were and also to fit into the way I write the articles.

I also want to point out that I didn't mean to say that everyone who is on a welfare program or a food stamps program abuses the system because of course that's not true.

I don't know everyone and I certainly don't know their situations.

Again, I was just making the point that some people who are receiving this aid don't understand that it's supposed to be a help or a push to get themselves going because the government continues to give it out.

I made the point about unemployment and how the time frame that people can be on it keeps getting greater and greater. I understand the economy we are living in and that it's tough to get by, but if the government keeps expanding, people might take it for granted.

That's all I meant. Same thing with section 8 housing, for example.

Not that the government has done this yet, but what if they started lowering the qualifications or restrictions? Things would be drastically different.

Maybe I should have clarified that in my article, but just so everyone knows and so I don't offend anyone that is what I meant.

Another point I want to make is about social security.

I didn't think too much about this before, but after reading a letter to the editor pretty much solely about social security I realized I should, so thank you, reader, for pointing this out to me.

I don't think social security programs or benefits are an issue that needs to be eliminated.

I think that, in this time period with the baby boomers generation, the amount of money going towards it has grown dramatically.

That is not their fault and they should not be punished for that.

Nor should the children who this program benefits either. I really wanted to clear this point up because I know when I am retired I am going to want some kind of benefits for myself so I don't have to work until I'm 90... if I live that long.

Anyways, thank you to the readers who sent the emails with their feedback.

I will take all that into consideration next time I am writing an article to make sure I do not offend anyone.

But just so everyone knows, a lot of times I am being sarcastic.

I am not an Obama fan at all and tend to say things like "Oh, great job Obama" or I said in one article, "I guess he just likes to fix things..."

Both are totally sarcastic and I don't mean to disrespect anyone who likes him, I just mean to be me and express my opinion.

I am sorry for those of you who disagree or don't like my opinion, and I am also sorry for those of you who I have upset by my articles.

- Alex Myers

Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay

Alright, it's Wednesday the 17th of February and looking at my schedule for next week I can already see the Mongolian MCF I have ahead of myself so, while I've some free time, how about I delve into the depths of the mail bag for the first piece of the new decade? Shall We?

Kevin – New Hall – "I am a closet NASCAR fan myself and I have to say, I'm not sure I can watch another race if something like this pot hole mess happens again. It was embarrassing. Not to mention, Jamie McMurray? Who? Really, this years Daytona 500 had to be one of the most disappointing sporting events I've ever witnessed."

First of all, on the Jamie McMurray point, I'd go as far as to say that this years race was more exciting than a lot of previous races. I mean, starting with Harvick over Martin, then Newman pushed by Busch in 2008 (subtract the rain-shortened Kenseth win last year) and the McMurray win in "double over-drive" and you've got three of the best finishes in the races history. If you're a closet NASCAR fan, please, stay in the closet. We don't need guys like you. And no, the pothole thing isn't that big a deal. The track doesn't need to be repaved any sooner than it was going to be. Three days of rain in one afternoon coupled with below freezing temps at night in a colder than average Florida winter night, and what you've got is basically a freak frost heave; nothing Daytona International Speedway or NASCAR could do about it.

Tom – Courtney – "I'm so glad the Saints won the Super Bowl this year and not 'cause I'm a Saints fan, I'm just hoping now you'll get off the Peyton Manning ban wagon and admit he's never going to be Tom Brady as badly as you want him to be."

Not on your life…

Mike – Old Apartments – "Dude, are you on ESPN Radio now?"

Yes, Mike, I am. Well, kind of. I'm currently interning at ESPN Radio but I have been on-air more than a few times filling in for, and butting in on, the Average Joe show. Its not a bad racket and honestly, having worshiped at the alter of Adam Carolla, Bill Simmons, and Dave Dameshek, I think I've found what I truly want to do with my life…finally. Shameless plug time; if you want a change of pace from the sports talk norm, check out the Average Joe Show weekday afternoons from 4-7pm on ESPN Radio 1450am.

Brendan – Lammers – "I keep hearing you talk and talk about your damn golf. I think I had a class with you last semester and you don't look like a 12 handicap to me. I got $50 that says you're full of it."

Alright, fine. As soon as all this white crap is gone, message me again and we'll see. Bring your wallet. Also, dear readers: if there are more of you like Brendan, lets hear about it. Maybe get an outing going? I like making money.

Morgan – Davis – "Was that you I saw standing next to the disabled vehicle last Saturday night?

Don't want to talk about it….

Christina/Brian/Dave/Mike/ Michelle +12 – All over – "…something about your column being named after The Big Lebowski…"

Yes. Of course; and I'm really glad you guys and gals all noticed. Isn't that a classic? I couldn't pick just one of the emails so I gave most of you credit. I thought it was time for a change and I had just seen Lebowski so boom, there you have it.

Dan – Off Campus – "Still think the Braves are going to win it all this year?"

I don't know about winning it all, but they're certainly going to make the playoffs this year. I'm really high on the Braves and they're one of the teams I'm paying close attention to this year. I think the whole NL East is going to be exciting to watch next year. Also, the Seattle Mariners may have become the team to beat in the NL West, despite losing Russell Branyan in the middle of that order. Adding Cliff Lee in an already weaker division is a scary though.

Kevin – Old Apartments – "I have to ask what your aversion is to NHL and hockey. You never cover anything about hockey. As a sports writer wouldn't you have to cover it in order to have some type of general knowledge on the subject?"

Kevin, you're right; I really don't cover the NHL or hockey because I'm kind of disinterested in it. I mean, I watch it and I have been following guys like Crosby, Ovechkin, Malkin and until the trade, Phil Kessel. I like the Bruins and I watch them from time to time but it's not my big thing. I don't follow the NBA at all either, really. I'll watch the Celtics on an occasion but the NBA really bores me. I'd pay to see a couple players like LeBron and Chris Paul and Kevin Durant just to say I've seen them, but I hate the NBA. If I'm going to watch basketball, it'll be NCAA hoops. To be honest, I don't really have a good reason for not following hockey more closely.

Carl – New Hall – "USA! USA! USA! Where do you think the American upset of Canada at this years Olympics ranks all-time in the pantheon of great upsets?"

Honestly. I don't think its even close. I mean, they're all professionals. On any given night, no one would be all that surprised if the worst team in the NHL beat the best team and for that reason, I just think it was another game. Was it impressive? I suppose so, but I don't think it's anywhere near on plane with things like the 1980 Miracle on Ice if that's what you're driving at. Its not even Red Sox over Yankees in the 04 ALCS. I mean, it was big because it was the Olympics but I wasn't overly surprised.

I'd put it top 100 upsets all time, but it really wasn't anything Earth shattering.

Rick – FSC – "Hey bro, you getting pumped for Atlantic City spring break? Eh? Eh? Will we see a repeat of the world's worst gambler?"

Alright, fine. Rick isn't a WSC student but he is one of my best friends and yes, the worlds worst gambler, or Anti-Lou Gehrig (the *Un*luckiest man on the face of the Earth) is once again attempting to take Atlantic City, NJ for all its worth.

I can't say too much about the details here right now for fear of getting in trouble by a larger sanctioning body but; there are two-liter boxes ready and raring to go and that Tom Coughlin plans on making some lady of the night a very lucky lady.

I think that's a good jumping off point this week. If you emailed me and didn't see it here, I'm sorry; but don't stop trying!

I love doing mailbag pieces and I can't do them with out your input. So keep bringing it and as always, until next time, keep your head on a swivel and watch the beverage man…

Westfield State College sports round up

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's women's basketball team (10-16) lost its quarterfinal game of the MASCAC tournament against Worcester State College by a score of 51-47 on Tuesday.

Westfield was seeded sixth in the tournament and hung with the third seeded Lancers for most of the game.

But with under a minute to go, Worcester State was able to take the lead and seal the victory.

The Owls played terrific defense throughout the game and caused Worcester to have 28 turnovers.

Junior Ashley Finnegan led Westfield in scoring with 14 points while freshman Briana Kelly added 11 points and 7 rebounds.

Westfield clinched a berth in the MASCAC tournament following a 58-47 win at Fitchburg State College in the team's regular season finale last Saturday.

Kelly led the Owls with 14 points and 5 rebounds while Finnegan added 11 points and 7 rebounds in the victory.

WSC's men's basketball team (10-15) also won its regular season finale, taking a 61-58 victory over Fitchburg State last Saturday.

The team finished with just a 3-9 conference record, however, and failed to qualify for the MASCAC tournament.

Senior Derek Leab led Westfield with 19 points and 4 rebounds. Freshman Matt Devine added 15 points and 8 rebounds and junior Jesse Benoit chipped in 13 points and 4 rebounds for the Owls in the win.

Westfield's women's swimming team finished in fifth place overall out of 22 schools at the New England Intercollegiate swimming and diving championships.

Sophomore Jenna Tasse came through in a big way for Westfield, placing fourth overall in the 50 freestyle with a school-record of 24.99 seconds. She also finished fifth in both the 100 freestyle and 100 individual medley.

Senior Lindsey Malboeuf came in fifth in the 50 backstroke (29.31) and 11th in the 100 backstroke.

Sophomore Kate Werner finished 10th in the 1650 freestyle and 11th in the 1000 freestyle, freshman Laura Connolly placed 11th in the 100 individual medley and 12th in the 200 individual medley, and sophomore Angie Wasylik finished 11th in the 50 breaststroke for Westfield.

WSC's men's ice hockey team (12-8-3) played Salem State College to a 2-2 tie last Saturday night.

Westfield led 2-0 midway through the second period but was unable to put Salem away.

Junior Dennis Zak had a goal and an assist while freshman Danny Kaufman also added a goal.

The Owls will play their final game of the regular season tomorrow night at home against Plymouth State.

Game time is set for 5:35 p.m.

Westfield State's men's track team finished in 10th place overall at the New England Division III indoor track and field championships held at Bates College last weekend.

Sophomore Patrick Regan gave Westfield its best finish, winning the mile run with a time of 4:18.25.

Senior sprinter Marc Gomes came in second in the 200 meter run with a time of 22.50 and 13th in 55 meter dash.

Freshman Brendan Corcoran finished third in the 600 meter run with a time of 1:22.72.

Senior Brandon Palmer placed fifth in the triple jump (44-9) and finished 10th in the long jump.

Westfield's women's track team had four athletes compete in the New England Division III women's indoor track and field championships.

Senior Ally Brown was the team's top performer, placing 12th in the mile run.

Track and field athletes representing Westfield will participate in the All New England Championships at Boston University this weekend.

Photo courtesy of westfieldstateowls.com
Sophomore Patrick Regan (Wilbraham) was selected the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) track athlete of the week.

Timeout with Teresa: Manny, Johnny, and L.T.

By Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

So many things are happening in the world of sports lately, and I'm personally enjoying every minute of it. Earlier in the week I heard three things that stuck with me.

Manny Ramirez claims that he won't be in L.A. next year because of "a feeling." Johnny Damon signs with the Detroit Tigers and claims that he's finally where he wanted to be all along.

Last, but certainly not least, LaDainian Tomlinson gets cut from the San Diego Chargers.

Let's start with Manny.

Manny showed up to the Dodgers clubhouse for the first time on this past Monday morning, and presented the idea that he probably won't be with the Dodgers after this year. He didn't really give much of an explanation other than "I just know I'm not going to be here."

No one in the Dodgers organization has confronted him or hinted to him that he won't be in negotiation for a contract for next year. It's all speculation on Manny's part.

The season hasn't even begun yet, and Manny's slarting his ramblings of where he's going to be or not going to be in the future. He did it while he played in Boston, too.

It's a little soon to say what's going to happen, considering Dodgers general manager Nick Colletti has said that Manny's upcoming contract, or lackthereof, is not of pressing concern right now. Spring training hasn't even officially started yet, with the first games slated for next week. It's far too early to be thinking about October.

Yes, Manny could just be factoring in the reality that he's 38 years old and has limited play in the field. But it's February. Give it time.

If the Dodgers do decide at the end of the season that they don't want him, he can always go back to the American League and be a Designated Hitter.

Staying with the baseball trend, Johnny Damon signed a one-year, $8 million deal with the Detroit Tigers this past Monday. He was let go by the Yankees earlier in the offseason, and claims that Detroit was the right fit.

After signing with the Tigers, Damon said that this was the first time he felt at home.

That's good for him. Although I do remember him being particularly comfortable and happy being in Boston.

Damon's days with the Yankees were numbered as soon as they re-signed Nick Johnson in December. With the Tigers dealing Curtis Granderson to the Yankees and losing Placido Polanco in free agency, Damon could potentially help their team.

There is no doubt that the Tigers are a good team, and part of that is the fact that they're young.

He does, however, bring another left-handed bat to the lineup, which could end up benefiting the Tigers.

Now, last, and most definitely not least, LaDainian Tomlinson.

The San Diego Chargers released running back LaDainian Tomlinson this past Monday. Tomlinson played for the Chargers for nine seasons.

He claims that he saw this coming, knowing that he's 30 years old and has declining numbers. Even with his declining numbers, Tomlinson is still one of the best running backs in the game, at least in my opinion.

Tomlinson currently ranks eighth on the all-time rushing list with 12,490 yards, second in career rushing touchdowns with 138, and third in total touchdowns with 153. With those numbers, any team would be lucky to have him.

He may not have had the best year last year, but that was due to injury. Tomlinson could very well bounce back this year and astound those who may have given up on him. He could also continue with the low numbers from last season. I choose to believe he will bounce back.

Now that the Chargers have let Tomlinson go, I expect a multitude of teams to express interest in him for the upcoming season.

Could one of those teams be the New England Patriots?
While waiting for an answer on that one, the Red Sox have their first Spring Training game on Wednesday, March 3. It's their split squad day, with an afternoon game against Northeastern University, and a night game against Boston College.

Americans continue strong showing in 2010 Olympics

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

The United States has continued to hold its overall medal lead in the 2010 Winter Olympics, with a total of 25 medals as of Tuesday. The country with the second most medals, Germany, had 21.

The past week was an exciting one for U.S. Olympians as medals were won in snowboarding, speed skating, skiing and figure skating.

But the most exciting individual contest of the Olympics so far resulted in no medals being awarded. It was the preliminary men's ice hockey game between the U.S. and Canada that has drawn the most attention of these Olympics.

The game, which was last Sunday night, was a highly anticipated matchup between the neighboring countries. But the experienced Canadian team was a heavy favorite over the inexperienced U.S. team.

Youth was not a problem for the U.S. however, as the Americans took a 5-3 upset victory over Canada that sent shockwaves throughout the hockey world.

Brian Rafalski scored two goals for the U.S., but it was the tremendous goaltending of Ryan Miller that led America to the win.

Miller ended the legendary performance in net with 42 saves.

The U.S., which is now 3-0 so far, has received an automatic berth in the quarterfinals

Shaun White has been one of the United State's best individual performers, dominating the men's half pipe last Thursday to take the gold medal. U.S. women's snowboarders Hannah Teter and Kelly Clark took home silver and bronze medals respectively on the half pipe.

Skiers Lindsey Vonn and Julia Mancuso have each taken home two Olympic medals so far.

Vonn took gold in the women's alpine downhill and bronze in the Super-G, while Mancuso took silver in the downhill and silver in the super-combined.

It's been men's skier Bode Miller, however, who has had the most successful individual Olympic performance so far. Following a disappointing Olympic performance in 2006, where he was held medal-less, Miller has responded in Vancouver with three total medals.

Miller took a bronze medal in the men's alpine downhill, silver in the Super-G and a gold in the super-combined, the first gold medal of Miller's Olympic career.

Fan favorite Apolo Ohno followed up his silver medal performance in the 1500-meter short track race with a bronze medal in the 1000 meter. The medal was Ohno's seventh career Olympic medal, which is a new record for American Winter Olympians.

Ohno still has two more events to compete in: the 500 meter race, which will be held tonight, and the men's 5000 meter team relay, which will be held tomorrow night.

American speed skater Shani Davis followed up his two medal performance in 2006, with two more medals in Vancouver.

Davis won gold in the 1000-meter race and silver in the 1500, the same exact results that he had in Torino.

Davis, who holds the world-record in the 1500, was unable to capture a gold medal in the event for the second straight Olympics.

It will be very interesting to see if he comes back for the 2014 Olympics for one more shot at a gold medal in the 1500.

American Evan Lysacek shocked the figure skating world by winning a gold medal in the men's free skate.

Lysacek was not a favorite to win gold and pulled a huge upset by beating heavily favored Yevgeny Plushenko of Russia by a score of 257.67 to 256.36 to take gold. The United States won a second medal in figure skating when the team of Meryl Davis and Charlie White took a silver medal in ice dancing.

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Send submissions to Thevoice@wsc.ma.edu or stop by room Ely 305!

Submissions are due on Tuesdays by 5:30p.m!

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Don't be surprised if your financial situation ends up requiring a little attention right now. Everything should turn out just fine. But if you find yourself feeling a little confused, don't hesitate to talk to someone who knows a lot more about these things than you do.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
No matter what you end up doing this week, you're likely to find yourself in a fairly pleasant frame of mind. You might be in the mood to enjoy a little quiet time around the house right now, and some time alone would probably do you good. You might be feeling rather sociable later this week though.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
Don't be surprised if a few troubling issues are really weighing on your mind this week. No matter how busy or stressful life proves to be though, things ought to turn out to be a lot more calm and relaxed later this week.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You're probably eager to get out in the social whirl and enjoy the world around you. And doing a bit of socializing could really help you blow off a little steam right now. Just remember that if you're not prepared to take care of what's expected of you first.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Don't be afraid to talk to any interesting or important people who might be crossing your path right now. And if you just remember to keep your eyes open, you might end up coming across some intriguing new opportunities.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You're bound to find yourself in a fairly positive mood right now. And you'll probably want to enjoy some kind of fun little escape from things if you can. You might find that your mind will keep drifting back to some relationship issues that have been weighing on your mind lately.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You might find that some lingering issues with a partner or friend are bound to be popping up. Just try not to say or do anything to make matters worse right now.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
If things have been a bit strained between you and someone special lately, you could be eager to try to improve things a bit. And you really ought to be able to get back on the same page with many of the important people in your life soon.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
A lot could really be expected of you right now. But if things seem to be getting a little crazy or confusing around you, try to remember to stay calm. You could encounter some interesting new opportunities this week.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Things may be a little tense with your family at this time, and a few conflicts might be heating things up for you on the home front right now. Just be aware that you're likely to end up having a much more pleasant and enjoyable time later this week. You could find yourself feeling quite creative, and some romantic encounters could leave you somewhat inspired at the moment.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
Be careful that some unpleasant misunderstandings don't end up ruining your mood. Just be aware that things should start going much better for you in the family department if you dedicate some of your time to working on things.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
Be aware that some lingering financial disputes could be coming to a head soon. With all that's going on around you, just don't be surprised if you end up feeling a little distracted right now.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Low-Cal Baked Onion Rings

Ingredients

2 egg whites
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 lg. sweet yellow onion, cut into rings
1/3 cup dry bread crumbs (seasoned if you want)

Combine egg white, salt and pepper in bowl

Mix well

Dip onion rings into egg mixture

Coat with bread crumbs

Place in single layer on baking sheet (grease it, so they wont stick!)

Bake 450 degrees for 10 minutes, until golden brown.

Enjoy!

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Is Washington setting Pakistan's tax policies?

By Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

U.S. Deputy Treasury Secretary Neal Wolin recently wrote an opinion piece for the Pakistani *Business Recorder* newspaper.

Published on Feb. 12, Wolin wrote, "No one likes to pay taxes, but with Pakistan's revenues representing less than 10% of [gross domestic product], Pakistanis pay less for their government than nearly any other country in the region...to balance its budget and invest for the future, Pakistan must begin to raise domestic revenues."

The Deputy Treasury Secretary also stressed that the Pakistani parliament needed to pass legislation enacting a value-added tax. The tax would be placed on goods, sales, purchases, and services over a certain value determined for each category, along with individuals based on their consumption.

On Feb. 24, the Pakistani newspaper *Dawn* reported that the Federal Value Added Tax Act 2010 draft bill had been submitted to parliament. The proposed tax iocreases were detailed, but the article's wording was particularly telling.

It reads in part, "The VAT Act, 2010 *when* approved by the parliament will replace the existing GST system and repeal the Sales Tax Act, 1990 and the Sales Tax Act, 1951."

Also, on Feb. 24, Pakistan's Federal Board of Revenue announced that the Capital Gains Tax on share trading and stock assets would double over the next five years. The day after Wolin's piece appeared, Pakistan's Karachi Stock Exchange recommended a "phased-manner" increase in the CGT.

Pakistani Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin tendered his resignation on Feb. 25. *The Asia Times* quoted a fellow former minister as saying that Tarin did not resign because of policy disagreements, but instead over "family business interests."

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Westfield arrives in China

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Ni hao (Hello) Westfield,

I have just completed a week in China and man, what a trip. It started as I descended toward the lovely Logan Airport at 4 am, accompanied by my friends Matt and Allie and my mother. It was quite different from my ride to Logan when I went to Hawaii. Now, I was going to a place that had different money, language, culture and everything in between. What was a guy like me to do?

I had to say the dreaded goodbyes and I was off through security. Once I was on the other side of the metal detector, I felt strangely alone. That feeling didn't last long, as I soon came into contact with another fellow student at Westfield State College, Jenny Daverna. We got to exchanging pleasantries after she hit me for making her worry because I hadn't picked up my phone for the past hour and I was a bit late upon my arrival to the airport.

Then I looked at her and freaked out, saying, "I don't have my passport, I think I lost it already." Minutes later I stumbled upon it on the inside of my left breast pocket of my jacket. Then we took a very

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SPRING BREAK

Photo courtesy of lemason.com

Cancun, Mexico is among the most popular spring break destinations. Check out **PAGE 2** to learn about other great spring break locations. Spring break is March 15 - 19. Enjoy the week whether you're laying in the sun or earning some extra cash!

Month Celebrating Women

Westfield State College celebrates March with Month Celebrating Women 2010: Exploring Intersections. The events, free and open to the public, are sponsored by the Ethnic and Gender Studies Department.

A highlight of this year's celebration will be an appearance by feminist icon Gloria Steinem at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 in the Woodward Center as part of the Westfield State College Foundation Speaker Series. A reception is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Traditional campus events for this month include a Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, in the Ely Campus Center and the Women Empowering Other Women (WEOW.) Clothesline Project of T-shirts with messages combating domestic violence to be displayed in the Dining Commons Wednesday, March 24, and Thursday, March 25. WEOW also will host a "You've Got the Power!" poetry slam at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, in the Ely Campus Center.

A student production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, and Saturday March 27, in Dever Auditorium.

"This year we highlight intersections between various

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A Memoir of My Bipolar Family
Scanlon Living Room

5:30 - 8 p.m.
Reception: *From Westfield to New York*:
Nevartte Bedrossian
Enjoy refreshments and live music
Arno Maris Gallery

7:30 p.m.
MTG Presents:
Once On This Island
$2/students
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Tickets are sold at the door
Show runs from 3/4 to 3/6
Shows @ 7:30 p.m.
Matinee 3/6 @ 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 6
8 p.m.
Cedric and Carlos from Reno 911! perform LIVE!
Free Food
Ely Main Lounge

Monday, March 8
6:30 p.m.
Wii Fit Test presented by GameStop
10 Wii Fits and 3 DDRs
Fitness Technology Expo @ 6:30 p.m.
Fitness Technology: A Fad or the Future? @ 7:30 p.m.

March 15 - 19
Have a great Spring Break!

Hidden gems for spring breakers

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

Spring break is finally here. Everyone is packing their bags to go home or to go to on a week-long vacation with their friends to someplace warm.

Away.com gives their top 10 hot spots that might seem different than the norm, but definitely should be considered.

Number One: Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

This spot is the largest and most visited part of the Cayman Islands. These islands are located in the western part of the Caribbean Sea, south of Cuba and northwest of Jamaica. In Grand Cayman, you can learn how to go diving in one of 150 sites "ranging from shipwrecks to walls to rich coral reef systems." According to caymanislands.ky, Grand Cayman has some of the best food and shopping in the Caribbean. It has attractions such as the Seven Mile Beach that is rated one of the most beautiful beaches in the Caribbean, the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, the Cayman Islands National Museum in George Town, and more. It draws hundreds of thousands of tourists each year and it is definitely a place you wouldn't want to pass up!

Number Two: Aruba, Dutch Antilles.

Who doesn't know Aruba? And who wouldn't want to go there? Eagle Beach in Aruba has one of the best strips of sand and beautiful waters. Although very crowded during spring break, here's why you should go. There are seven beaches that you can go to, six museums that include the Museum of Antiquities and the Model Train Museum, and many places to go sightseeing: Arikok National Park, Donkey Sanctuary, Caves, Sand Dunes, and more. There are movie theaters, live shows, and plenty of restaurants with many different cuisines to choose from. Now tell me again…who wouldn't want to go to Aruba?

Number Three: Tulum, Mexico.

Away.com says, "The beach in Tulum is truly postcard-perfect, with azure water and powdery sand, backed by swaying palm trees." Many resorts in the area also offer yoga, massage, and Maya sweet baths. Although not much nightlife, unless you feel like driving two hours to Cancun, there is plenty to do there: visit Maya ruins, snorkel in underground caverns, and kayaking and bird-watching in a nearby biosphere reserve. Locogringo.com says, "Facing the sea, Tulum is impressive and powerful. Known as the "Walled City", Tulum was thought to be one of the most important cities of the ancient Mayan during its time. Fresco remnants are still visible inside some of the structures." You don't want to miss those. If you're up for a good time on the beach and just want to relax, then Tulum is the place for you.

Number Four: Mayreau, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

This place is a tiny island, just two square miles with a single village, but has an absolutely beautiful sand beach. Islandtimeholidays.com says, "The windward side of Mayreau is one huge deserted beach, you could spend days picnicking, sunbathing and snorkeling in the underwaterworld of Mayreau Garden." No matter what beach you go to, though, you will not be disappointed. While there, you can go diving, sailing, snorkeling, or hiking. There's a turtle sanctuary, waterfalls, and botanical gardens. Maybe not your first choice, but now that you know a little about it, you could make it part of your spring break.

Number Five: Cancun, Mexico.

If you love nightclubs and a good night out, then Cancun is where you want to book your flight to land. There are expert pyrotechnics, bumpin' music, and endless dancing. There are beautiful beaches, too, that you can enjoy before you prepare for your fun night. According to allaboutcancun.com, "Cancun is the ultimate vacation and resort destination whether your idea of a good time is surfing, kayaking, fishing and swimming or just laying in the tropical sun." The water there is also crystal-clear blue and very ideal for divers or snorkeling. "Whether you want a neon and strobe-lit dance club or a quiet cigar bar or romantic hideaway, Cancun's nightlife options have you covered." Cancun has it all!

Number Six: Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

It seems that Mexico is the place to go for the most nightlife fun. Although the beaches there aren't rated as high as Cancun's, the beach clubs are better. You also have

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The Amazon: Lungs of the Earth for now

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Perhaps the most crucial tipping point is the Amazon Rainforest; it is also the one that is more of an attention grabber than even the Greenland ice sheet (which seems to get quite a bit of coverage in the environmental journalism world - probably because of all those cute polar bears adrift at sea on melting ice slabs).

Whether we are talking about climate change or not, the Amazon is vastly important. It's the largest rainforest on the planet - 300 hectares - and has the most diversity of species anywhere.

Nicknamed the "lungs of the earth" because its trees and other vegetation provide such a massive quantity of oxygen, the rainforest has had a rough time the last forty years.

Once a gorgeous expanse of greenery untouched and undeveloped, over 232,000 square miles of forest has been cut down since 1970. Most of the damage has been caused by the logging industry and agricultural development.

In recent years the rainforest has been caught in a cycle of positive feedback between fire and drought; humans use the slash-and-burn technique to clear areas of forest for cattle grazing and agricultural practices and the droughts that ensue make it even more susceptible to fire.

Climatologists believe the deforestation of the Amazon is changing the climate of Brazil and other South American countries by becoming more arid - they even predict that it will have effects in Central and North America too.

As the rainforest becomes drier and areas of pasture become more frequent than the areas of forest, the percentage of albedo (the proportion of light reflected by the earth's surface) will decrease because of less vegetation. This means the earth will soak up more and more solar radiation and heat up.

The rainforest holds 77 billion tons of carbon in its trees alone, so as the deforestation continues so does the emission of that carbon into the atmosphere. It's bad enough that we release all the greenhouse gases from our automobiles and industrial activities, but that's a lot of carbon.

If the entire Amazon Rainforest were wiped out, the changes in climate for South America would be unprecedented.

But there are some programs underway that will surely prevent such a catastrophe: Amazon Watch is an organization that currently protects 18 million acres of rainforest; then there's the "carbon credits" concept, which would reward nations that limit their deforestation rate and carbon output by receiving "credits" if certain standards are met.

While the battle to protect the Amazon and prevent irreversible climate change in the heart of the Western world persists, Brazil proceeds with their economic boom. In the last couple of decades, the country has become a world leader in agriculture and industry, their economy very dependent on crops, cattle ranching, and logging yielded from the rainforest.

Therein a dilemma lies. Brazil has every right to exercise this economic fruition. But we also have a right to protect the planets lungs from detrimental damage. The coming years should be very revealing for the Amazon's situation.

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Pakistan's tax policy

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At nearly the same time as the Pakistani government made its announcements, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was speaking before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. As quoted in *Newsweek*, Clinton said that Pakistan's "very well-off do not pay their fair share for the services that are needed, in health and education primarily."

Coming in the wake of announcements by the administration of President Asif Zardari that they would be increasing domestic spending in the years ahead, the Obama and Zardari administrations appear to be on the same page about a greater "Guns and Butter" campaign for Pakistan.

The day before the announcements, Feb. 23, the *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported that the United States had transferred $349.3 million to Pakistan in order to reimburse the government for the financing of operations in Afghanistan.

Pakistan's finances are in dire straits. Facing spiraling deficits combined with the effects of rising inflation and a related depreciating currency, the government has been attempting to develop the nation's infrastructure.

At the same time, they are spending massive amounts of money on military campaigns trying to crush the rebellious Pashtuns in the western Tribal Areas, and root out foreign fighters holed up there as well, the latter largely at the behest of the United States.

Having teetered on the brink of bankruptcy, Pakistan is dependent on the United States and the IMF, International Monetary Fund. The Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act, passed by the U.S. Congress last October, committed $7.5 billion in aid to Pakistan over the next five years.

The Pakistani government's Feb. 24 announcements have likely paved the way for increased loans from the IMF, as they have been on the Zardari administration about a value-added tax and raising taxes in general since last September.

Though the topic is continuous, public announcements, official statements, and much of the reporting on this story has neglected to address the 500-pound gorilla in the room, which is the Pakistani military.

Politically, given the history of coups and military rule, military officers may be behind the scenes at times, but are never far.

It is just this writer's impression, but it seems now that President Zardari is being quoted less frequently in the western print media and the Army Chief of Staff, General Kayani, more so.

Pertaining directly to economic policies, the military has a major interest. Author Ayesha Sidiqa, outlining Pakistan's military-industrial complex in her 2007 book *Military Inc.*, estimated its worth to be in the range of $20 billion.

Together, the three military branches are involved in such ventures as operating hotels, banks and insurance companies, farms, stores and entire shopping malls, and producing various consumer goods.

Two army-owned and run conglomerates have, in their charge, a third of Pakistan's heavy-industrial manufacturing sector.

On a lighter note, the Army also owns factories producing the Pakistani version of cornflakes.

The government of President Asif Zardari has long faced critics that claim them to be nothing more than "stooges of the West." Zardari, dogged by corruption allegations and known as "Mr. 10 percent," may face a new wave of discontent when the new tax policies are enacted in July.

Considering the growing role of the United States in Pakistan and the unpopularity of the U.S. and the drone-assassination campaign with Pakistanis, it is likely that the new policies will bring Zardari's approval rating closer to single digits.

Whether or not the military intervenes or power is transferred peacefully to the opposition in the near future, the clock is still ticking for Washington's man in Pakistan.

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Westfield meets China

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small plane to JFK airport, where we had to take another airline called Cathay Pacific Airlines.

Jenny and I sat and waited at the wrong gate right up until 15 minutes before our plane was suppose to take off. We then hurried through the airport, onto a train, arrived at the right terminal, and got through security again to find out that the flight had been delayed by 45 minutes.

This time the plane we got onto was very large, with three rows of seats and two aisles. We then got to our seats to find a personal television screen in back of each headrest. With this screen we were able to listen to popular music, television, and movies for free.

I slept for the first 10 of our 16-hour flight. We had two meals, which consisted of microwaveable chicken and rice prepared with different fixings on it each time. Free wine was being passed out, although Jenny and I did not consume any of it.

The lady next to me, however, drank enough for the three of us. She was not a soft-spoken woman either. At one point she was talking to me for a good twenty minutes before I told her I had to go to the bathroom. Within ten minutes her head was in her arms and she was out like a light.

Then we arrived in Hong Kong. On the way to the hotel, I was looking out the window at all the tall buildings - as if I had never seen a tall building before. Then we arrived at the hotel, which was very nice. The staff took our bags to our respected rooms and then we met up with our third musketeer Chao, also a Westfield State College student.

We went out inside into the nightlife of Hong Kong and had dinner at a traditional Chinese food place. Chao ordered our food for us because our Mandarin isn't quite so top notch. Not yet. It was delicious and though I had some trouble eating with chopsticks, I eventually got the hang of it.

The next day Jenny and I went adventuring around Kowloon and came across a street vendor named Connie. We went into the side alley where merchants had clothing and all sorts of things set up. I bargained a lady to give me a Chinese name key chain for 21 Hong Kong dollars (there have their own currency) instead of 40 like she initially proposed.

Then I ended up buying a Kimono (Chinese style robe) from another lady and that was indeed Connie. Jenny also bought a nice traditional Chinese dress. Then we went along the oceanfront and walked along the "Avenue of Stars" which was like the Hollywood walk of fame where stars put their handprint into the pavement.

Later on in the night we got McDonalds of all things because it was the cheapest food to buy in Hong Kong. You haven't seen a busy McDonalds till you have seen a Chinese McDonalds. The people that work there can speak at least one form of Chinese and English as well. They also need to be able to give you change in each of the currencies respectively. They have a huge advantage over me; I wouldn't be able to work there.

Then Jenny and I saw the "Symphony of Lights" which started at 8pm. This is when all the buildings across the body of water from where we were standing light up with colored lights and shoot green lasers off some of the buildings.

Others had Chinese designs on them accompanied by music that lasted for about 15 minutes. It was one of the most amazing things I have ever seen. Definitely a must see if you are ever in Hong Kong.

When it was time to leave Hong Kong we took a few trains and met up with Chao, who met us at one of the last stops on the train route.

We took a cab to Chao's house so he could grab his things and we were off to the Star Ferry, which was going to take us to Zhuhai.

Once we arrived there, a few people from the college picked us up. The college is called United International College and the classes are taught in English. We got settled in and that's when "Westfield meets China" officially took place.

Check out next week's edition to read about how the first week of school went and how a week in China has already been a life changing experience. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns you may contact me through my school e-mail.

Zai Jian,
Robert Louis McGinnity

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Student of the Week

Anthony Stomski
Senior
Criminal Justice

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Forrest Gump, not even Tom Hanks, Forrest Gump.

If you could only listen to three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
Dropkick Murphys, Meatloaf, and definitely not Dave Matthews.

What's the last movie your saw in theaters?
Shutter Island

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?
Apartment 2C2.

What's your favorite meal?
Chicken parm.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
I enlisted in the Army and then hopefully a career in law enforcement.

Is your bed made right now?
Of course.

What are your favorite material objects?
Kennedy Socko and Ashley's Phase 10 cards.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
I help coach the throwers on the WSC Track and Field team and play Phase 10. I'm a Phase 10 Guru.

Got anything else to say?
Shout out to 1B3 and Ashley and Kelly!

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email ***thevoice@wsc.ma.edu*** *and tell us why.*

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If you'd like to submit to The Westfield Voice do so by emailing us by Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.!

Send submissions to thevoice@wsc.ma.edu or stop by!

Spring break destinations

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more options to snorkel, dive, or skydive.

Iloveplaya.com says, "The azure sea is the perfect temperature for a swim, and the ocean breeze is steady enough to keep you cool.

Seaside bars and restaurants are located all along Playa del Carmen beaches and are the perfect place to kick off your shoes and enjoy lunch with your toes in the cool, white sand."

While there, you can also explore Mayan ruins, swim in an underground cave, or explore the island of Isla Mujeres.

Number Seven: San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Not only is San Juan a beautiful and historic city, it has nightclubs, Latin dance clubs, and live music from jazz to hip hop to spice things up.

Some sites you wouldn't want to miss are: the plazas located in Old San Juan, Munoz Rivera Park which is an ocean side park with lots of trees and a wide walkway, and many, many other historic buildings and places.

According to escape.topuertorico.com, "Historic Old San Juan district, Arecibo Observatory in Arecibo, Guajataca State Forest and Lake in Isabela, Rio Camuy Caves in Camuy and Condado Beach in San Juan."

Although it may seem like a strange place to spend your spring break, there's lots here you wouldn't want to miss out on.

Number Eight: Jaco, Costa Rica.

Jaco is more of an outdoorsy place to spend spring break, but if that's what you like then this is the spot for you. "The seaside town of Jacó has great surfing and easy access to the rain forests, wildlife, and eco-tours for which Costa Rica is famous," says away.com.

Along with that, Jaco is said to have excellent night life.

The beaches there are definitely more relaxed and the people are very friendly.

Govisitcostarica.com writes, "The areas to the north and south of Jaco are some of the most picturesque and cleanest, with stunningly gorgeous panoramic ocean views."

Sounds like a nice place to me!

Number Nine: Cabarete, Dominican Republic.

Cabarete is another eco-tourism spot for those of you that like adventures.

It is the premier place to go windsurfing and kiteboarding. They also give lessons to those who don't know how and enable you to rent gear.

You can also surf or take a mountain biking tour if you so please.

According to activecabarete.com, "The village of Cabarete is spread out across the center of a gorgeous, semi-circular beach of golden, sun-soaked, sand."

That website also says that the nightlife in Cabarete is "legendary."

So, if you just want to sit in the sun to work on your tan, or learn how to windsurf, Cabarete should be your spring break destination.

Number Ten: Roatán, Honduras.

This is another beautiful tropical Caribbean island. Roatán is the largest of the Bay Islands and lies about 30 miles from the northern coast of Honduras. Why should you come here? Roatán, like Grand Cayman, is known for its scuba diving.

According to travel-roatan.com, sea turtles, dolphins, and whales swim in the waters. Parrots, iguanas, and monkeys also live on the island. "Visitors from around the world enjoy Roatan's relaxed lifestyle, beautiful sea, mild climate, and friendly people," says travel-roatan.com.

Although you may have never considered these places before, maybe now with some background information you'll be booking a flight to Aruba or San Juan.

Or maybe you'll just stick to going to Florida. Whatever your choice, remember these hot spots for next time and enjoy your spring break!

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Editor's Desk

Hello!

We've had some beautiful weather this week (minus the small snow shower we had Wednesday morning). I'm hoping for at least 50-degree weather over spring break, which is only a week away!

This is our last edition before the break. If you're interested in submitting anything to *The Westfield Voice* for the week after break (March 22), please feel free to submit it to thevoice@wsc.ma.edu any time during next week or the week of spring break.

I hope you all have fabulous breaks. And for everyone who will be traveling to a beautiful, sunny and warm location, I'm very jealous but I hope you have a safe trip!

Caitlin Penndorf
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Leadership Campaign: Stand up to the state

By Erin Judge
Voice Reporter

If someone had told me just a few months ago that I would be calling state legislators daily, writing them letters and emails, and visiting their statehouse offices I would have thought they were crazy.

I have always thought that democracy requires active participation and yet I have never been able to put that thought into action.

Democracy is not passive; it does not mean simply voting every four years and then watching as the politicians run the show.

It requires active involvement and demanding changes when they are necessary and reminding the politicians that they are there to serve and protect us and our interests.

How many of you have ever called, emailed, written or talked to your representatives? Have you ever actively engaged in politics? So many people say that they do not care, that politics are too complex for them, and yet these decisions can have profound impacts on our lives.

We pride ourselves as a country on the strength of our democracy and yet how many of us actually participate?

It is the issue of climate change and the forward thinking of the Leadership Campaign's goal to achieve 100% clean electricity by 2020 that has inspired me to take the leap into being an active member of our democracy.

I now have senators' numbers programmed on speed dial and I actually know whom my local representative and senator are.

I recognize the urgency of climate change and I will not simply sit back as the people responsible for my welfare ignore this pressing issue.

There are many that say that we can't make a difference, that anything we do is wasted effort. And yet in just a few short months a group of college students has written a bill, met with Governor Patrick, had that bill introduced into the statehouse and is now working to get it passed.

During that time we have inspired sit-in demonstrators at the Copenhagen Climate Summit, a student movement for 100% clean energy in Ohio, and recently the Australian group Beyond Zero Emissions has begun working for 100% clean energy by 2020 in the land down under.

Our generation has a choice; we can act now or sit back and allow our futures to slip away beneath the rising tide of climate change.

If any students (or professors!) are interested in joining the Leadership Campaign in our efforts to reach 100% clean electricity please attend our weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 5:15 in Ely 3rd floor lounge or send me an email.

Erin Judge is the Campus Campaign Coordinator and can be reached at ejudge0474@wsc.ma.edu

Editor's Desk

What a day at The Voice today! We had a small pizza party for our staff because it's the last issue before spring break! (The pizza party also included homemade cookies, made by me, and munchkins - courtesy of Franny!) Good stuff!

Ah spring break! Who else can't wait? I hope some of you get to travel and enjoy some form of the sun... I'll be working back home, but that's ok with me!

Remember everyone, if you're writing a piece for a class and would like to submit it to The Voice, we are always looking for copy and would be thrilled to hear from you! Send to Thevoice@wsc.ma.edu!

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Month Celebrating Women

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kinds of issues and identities as they are experienced by different kinds of women from all over the world," said Margot Hennessy, chair of the Ethnic and Gender Studies Department.

Several open classrooms and film presentations reflect this year's theme. Wednesday, March 3, Shoba Rajgopal of the Ethnic and Gender Studies faculty, will conduct an open-classroom talk from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Ely Hall 348 focusing on the movie Monsoon Wedding by Mira Nair.

The presentation is titled, "Monsoon Wedding by Mira Nair: A Glimpse into the Impact of Globalization on Gender and Class Retaliations in India's Capital, New Delhi."

Susan Leggett, of the Communications faculty, will give an open classroom talk from 1:40-4 p.m. Monday, March 8, in Ely Hall 348 on feminist film theory, with a screening of The Piano directed by Jane Campion.

Monday, March 8, Eve Shapiro of the Sociology faculty, will present, *Are We on the Brink of a New Gender Order?* at 5:30 p.m. in New Hall 141B. Tuesday, March 9, Tamara Smith of the Sociology faculty, will talk on The Feminist Teaching Portfolio – Gendered Aspects of Teaching Evaluations, Students' Qualitative Comments, and Course Content at 3:30 p.m. in the faculty center.

On Tuesday, March 9, and Thursday, March 11, a presentation and analysis of Mary Conde's *I, Tituba, Witch of Salem*. The event will be at 9:45 a.m. in Bates Hall111 on both days. The Nouruz Spring Festival is scheduled from 12:30-2 p.m. Monday, March 22, in the Ely Campus Center.

A discussion of Cinema and Gender in Central Asia is also on March 22, with excerpts and discussion on *A Time for a Son to Marry*, with Gulia Muradova, of Tajikistan.

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REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

JOHN BELUSHI

Twenty eight years ago this week, Hollywood lost one of its brightest young stars to a drug overdose in Los Angeles, California.

Known best for his roles in *National Lampoons Animal House*, *The Blues Brothers* and his Emmy Award winning efforts for NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, John Belushi was a fan favorite from the moment he appeared on the scene in 1973 until the year of his death, 1982.

Belushi was part of the original cast of Saturday Night Live in 1975 along with Dan Aykroyd, Chevy Chase and Gilda Radner and went on to attain super stardom for his work. Belushi was found dead in his hotel room at the Chateau Marmont in Los Angeles; the cause of death was a "speedball," the combined injection of cocaine and heroin.

John Belushi

Belushi is still a cult icon and has been honored with a star on the Hollywood walk of fame.

DAVID GILMOUR

Brought into the world on March 6, 1946, David Gilmour and his juggernaut band Pink Floyd effectively changed the face of music. Gilmour, a small-time, struggling musician in 1967 when he was asked by drummer Nick Mason to join his band, Pink Floyd, went on to become one of the most recognizable and influential guitarists and song writers of all time. Along with Roger Waters, Gilmour helped write mega successful concept albums *The Dark Side of the Moon* and *Wish You Were Here*. As Roger Waters began to assume control of the band around the time of the release of their album *The Wall*, negative energy began to consume the band and tensions between the main contributors, Gilmour and Waters, reached a fever pitch.

David Gilmour

Gilmour played with Pink Floyd at the Live 8 concerts in 2005, with Roger Waters, putting aside nearly two decades differences.

JOE DIMAGGIO

Eleven years ago this week, the Yankee Clipper, Joe DiMaggio, passed away at his home in Hollywood, Florida from complications from lung cancer. DiMaggio is best known for his 56-game hitting streak during the summer of 1941, was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1955 and finished his career as one of the most decorated players in the games history. A three-time American league MVP, 13-time All Star and a World Series champion nine times, DiMaggio's accomplishments on the field are rarely matched. Off the field, his high-profile (albeit, short-lived; a whopping 274 days) marriage to Marilyn Monroe in 1954 thrust the retired DiMaggio into the tabloids. Although his relationship with Monroe was short-lived and unpopular with his family, three times a week for 20 years following her death, Joltin' Joe had a half-dozen red roses left at her grave site for the beloved starlit.

Joe DiMaggio

Bret Hart returns to WWE ring at WrestleMania

By Franny Zupancic
A&E Editor

As March begins, wrestling fans around the world eagerly begin the trek on the 'road to WrestleMania.' This year's offering from World Wrestling Entertainment's sports-entertainment extravaganza on March 28 includes match-ups that are new and fresh, pulling away from the rather stale we've-seen-this-before feeling of seeing the same matches every week on Raw or Smackdown.

This year's Super-Bowl-of-professional-wrestling boasts not one but four main events. Fresh off a Royal Rumble victory in January, Edge challenges former tag-team partner Chris Jericho for the World Heavyweight Championship, Smackdown's main event title. The main event for the Raw brand's title is John Cena challenging 'the Animal' Batista for the WWE Championship. In a pay-per-view environment, this match has only happened once before: SummerSlam 2008, not including the 10-second squash match at Elimination Chamber. This time, the WWE Championship is on the line. 'The Animal' won their 2008 match-up and stole the WWE Championship in their short match last month. Will John Cena finally gain the upperhand and regain his championship?

The other two match-ups do not involve championships, but are high-profile matches that have enough to offer to not need a world championship on the line. WWE Hall of Famer Bret "Hitman" Hart will face Mr. McMahon in a match that has been anticipated since the 1997 Survivor Series, the event that featured a legitimate incident where McMahon double-crossed Hart and awarded the WWF Championship to Shawn Michaels. This has has become known as 'the Montreal Screwjob,' and 12 years later, Bret Hart makes his return to competitive action in a WWE ring.

The other main event is surrounded by even more anticipation and suspense, as the Undertaker defends his legendary undefeated-at-WrestleMania streak (17-0) against Shawn Michaels. The two met at last year's WrestleMania in a match that was named match of the year by Pro Wrestling Illustrated. This time around, Michaels has a second choice to end 'the streak,' but puts his career on the line. If Michaels loses, he must retire (or most likely just take a long vacation).

The undercard includes the annual "Money in the Bank" ladder match, where eight superstars compete to retrieve a briefcase hanging high above the center of the ring. The winner and retriever of the briefcase receives a title shot at the time of their choosing. The confirmed participants so far include Christian, Kane, M.V.P., Shelton Benjamin, Dolph Ziggler, and Jack Swagger. Christian looks to be the favorite out of this group, but there are still two spots open. John Morrison and C.M. Punk both lost in qualifying matches, which leaves less options. Potential final entrants include William Regal, Ezekiel Jackson, Kofi Kingston, and Evan Bourne.

One unconfirmed-but-speculated match may involve Unified Tag Team Champions The Miz and Big Show defending their titles. Rey Mysterio and Triple H have been teasing separate storylines with C.M. Punk and Sheamus, respectively, so look for these matches to be added to the undercard.

WrestleMania can be seen on pay-per-view and will be shown at Maximum Capacity in Chicopee for an $8 entrance fee. Maximum Capacity is also hosting an Elite Wrestling Riot show at 4 p.m. EWR is an independent wrestling promotion and the main event will feature former ECW champion Justin Credible. For only $25 fans can get a day full of wrestling, including ringside seats to the indie show and entry to the WrestleMania viewing.

Photo courtesy of wwe.com
"The Hitman" returns to WWE ring after 12 year absence.

Speaker Series Dates

Gloria Steinem
Wednesday, March 31, 2010
Reception: 6:00 pm
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Woodward Center

Danny Glover
Friday April 2, 2010
Reception: 6:30 pm
Presentation: 8:00 pm

Tickets are $25 for the Q&A only
$50 for the reception and Q&A

Greg Mortenson
Thursday, April 29, 2010
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Location: Woodward Center

Tickets are free for faculty, staff and students, $35 for the general public, and $30 for Westfield State Alumni. Seating is limited.

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1. Sade - Soldier of Love
2. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
3. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.
4. Lady Gaga - The Fame
5. Lil Wayne - Rebirth
6. Susan Boyle - I Dreamed a Dream
7. Alicia Keys - The Element of Freedom
8. Jaheim - Another Round
9. Josh Turner - Haywire
10. Taylor Swift - Fearless

Top 10 Singles
1. The Black Eyed Peas - Imma Be
2. Ke$ha - TiK ToK
3. Young Money feat. Lloyd - BedRock
4. Lady Gaga - Bad Romance
5. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
6. Artists for Haiti - We Are the World 25
7. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
8. Ludacris - How Low
9. Jason Derulo - In My Head
10. Trey Songz feat. Fabolous - Say Aah

Top Movies
1. Shutter Island
2. Cop Out
3. The Crazies
4. Avatar
5. Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Gorillaz - Plastic Beach
2. Chamillionaire - Venom
3. Ludacris - Battle of the Sexes
4. The White Stripes - Under Great White Northern Lights [Live]
5. Alan Jackson - Freight Train

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. South Park (S13)
2. Breaking Bad (S2)
3. Fantastic Mr. Fox
4. Mad Men (S3)
5. Robin Williams: Weapons of Self-Destruction

Upcoming Video Games
1. Dragon Age: Origins - Awakening
2. Command & Conquer 4
3. Prison Break: The Conspiracy
4. How to Train Your Dragon
5. Just Cause 2

Upcoming Rock Band downloadable content (Harmonix)
Disturbed 3 pack:
1. Meaning of Life
2. The Game
3. Voices
Singles:
1. The Mother Hips - Third Floor Story
2. The Mother Hips - White Falcon Fuzz
3. Silversun Pickups - Panic Switch
4. Silversun Pickups - Sort of
5. TRUSTCompany - Downfall

Guitar Hero 5 content
Blink-182 pack:
1. First Date
2. All the Small Things
3. Adam's Song

Time Machine

A trip back through Music History

by Franny Zupancic
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Neil Young
After the Gold Rush
August 31 1970

After seeing Neil Young's fantastic performance of 'Long May You Run' during the closing ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Olympics, I thought the 'Time Machine' should return to basics and end a four-week-long rant of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's injustices. This week's pick is "After the Gold Rush," a 1970 classic by two-time Hall of Famer Neil Young.

Rolling Stone Magazine once claimed that Neil Young fans would be 'desperately trying to convince themselves that After the Gold Rush' is good music, but they would be kidding themselves.' A mere five years later, Rolling Stone called 'Gold Rush' a masterpiece.

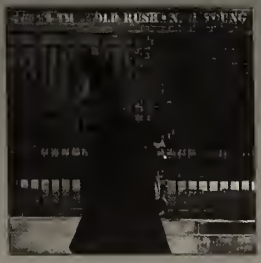
Featuring mostly slower ballads with acoustic guitar and piano, 'Gold Rush' puts the 'classic' in the classic rock genre. You have probably heard "Southern Man" countless times on classic rock radio, as it is the most recognizable song on the album. Most of the album could be considered a branch out into the country and folk genres, but Young keeps his rocker roots strong with his bluesy electric solo near the half-way point of the song, and a dissonant, grungy outro.

Many could say Young's voice is an acequired taste, but combined with his passionate songwriting, he easily holds up against other 'unique' sounds like Orbison or Cash.

'Gold Rush' was not initially the 'classic' it is today, peaking at number eight on the Billboard Pop Albums chart, not even appearing on the Billboard 200. Despite being a staple of most 'essential album' lists, 'Gold Rush' has only been certified 2x platinum in the United States, but the album is a fitting example of a case where album sales aren't the only measure of success.

In addition to the 2010 Winter Olympics closing ceremonies, Young also performed 'Long May You Run' on the final broadcast of the Conan O'Brien era of The Tonight Show. The latter performance inspired a recent humourous tribute, neilyoungplayinglongmayyourun.tumblr.com, which shows Young playing 'Long May You Run' in 'inappropriate situations.'

Listen to: Neil Young: After the Gold Rush (1970), Harvest (1972), Freedom (1989), Unplugged (1993); The Stills-Young Band - Long May You Run (1976)



Neil Young
After the Gold Rush (1970)

Queen Vienna takes reign with ring on *Bachelor* finale

By Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

The most controversial season in *The Bachelor* history has come to a close. Much to most of America's displeasure, Jake Pavelka not only gave Vienna Girardi, 23, the final rose, but got down on one knee and put a Neil Lane ring on her finger.

Although it was no surprise that Queen Vienna got the final rose at the end, many were rooting for the other woman. Tenley Molzahn, a 25 year-old college admissions representative from Oregon had the persona of a Disney Princess. She was sweet, positive, and upbeat.

The other girls in the house referred to her as someone who "dreams in cartoons and [bleeps] out rainbows."

Like all the other 13 seasons, it is tradition that the two remaining girls meet the bachelor's family. Tenley was the first to meet the Pavelka's. Right away, Tenley was welcomed by the family. Tears were shared and bonding began right from the start.

Jake's mother seemed to connect with Tenley right away. At the end of the day, Jake's father said, "I feel that I have probably met my future daughter-in-law today."

The next day when they met Vienna, they already had an idea of her in their heads. Knowing that she did not get along with any of the other girls in the house, Jake's mother's main concern was how she would get along with the two sister-in-laws. She often said throughout the day that the women were "the glue to the family."

When the family finally met Vienna, she proved to be the immature 23 year-old that she was made out to be. Not answering questions directly and mainly just paying attention to Jake and not the family, she confessed that she was "brutally honest" and that is why the other women did not get along with her. The family, not keen about her at first, put on an act for Jake saying that she was a nice girl after all.

At the final rose ceremony, audiences everywhere were waiting to find out who would come out of the first helicopter. As everyone suspected, Tenley, looking stunning in a gold gown, was first to come out.

In a dramatic rejection, Jake told her that there was just something missing in their relationship. After rejecting her, Jake said to her "You're Perfect. Where did we miss each other, Tenley?" Always gracious, heart-broken Tenley said "I loved falling in love with you."

The most suspenseful moment of the whole finale was when Vienna came out of the helicopter and Jake said that he had something to give back to her. He gave her back the promise ring that she previously gave to him insinuating that he was the one for her.

The audience thought that maybe he was letting both girls go, but to our disappointment he said he had something else to give her and got down on one knee and proposed.

At the *After the Final Rose* special, Jake had to face Tenley and she point-blank asked him how he could be so in love with Vienna when his "heart still hurts" for her. Jake choked up and couldn't answer the question. We find out that he and Vienna are still going strong and she plans on moving to Dallas to be with him as soon as possible.

Although America might not have agreed with Jake's decision, we will get over it like we do with every reality couple we don't agree with. This is not the last we will see of Jake Pavelka. The new cast of season ten of *Dancing with the Stars* was announced yesterday and The Bachelor himself will be one of the contestants.

Other good news, America's new sweetheart, Ali Fedotowsky, the woman who left Jake to keep her job as Ad-Sales at Facebook, will be the new Bachelorette. The Williamstown, Massachusetts will not pick from the usual 25 men, but 50. *The Bachelorette* premieres May 24th only on ABC.

Photo courtesy of sarcasm.net
Queen Vienna, the winner of The Bachelor

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

There is no doubt that conservative media and liberal media look at issues in different ways. Different news networks and newspapers have their own skew, whether it be liberal or not, and that can influence those who read it.

Although many people believe that Obama is mostly portrayed in a positive light in the media, the media criticizes him just like any previous president. Sure, former President Bush bore the brunt of much more media criticism, but one only has to look at his many shortcomings to understand why.

The media was also blamed for praising Obama while heavily criticizing Sarah Palin during the 2008 election. Sarah Palin cannot blame the media though; she did that to herself. Her own responses caused her to look bad in interviews with news anchors like Katie Couric.

Some people blamed the media for hype surrounding Obama during his campaign and maybe he just offered some common sense solutions to American problems that people were excited about.

But that does not mean that the media favors Obama over any other former president that has the same ideas and ideals.

President Obama has made unpopular decisions and the media has called him out for it. For example, when Obama was about to appear on a number of different talk shows and news programs in September of 2009, the headline in an *ABC News* article said that he "snubbed" Fox News by not doing an interview with them. In another article from NBC News, one reporter says he "fell short" on the topic of global warming for environmentalists.

A study in U.S. News and World Report found that about 60% of press coverage of Obama's first one hundred days was positive but this number shrank almost 20% from May-August of 2009. This study was confirmed by the Center for Media and Public Affairs at George Mason University.

The media, then, is not pro-Obama. On the contrary, the media hurts Obama in the long run. With so much attention focused on one person, of course the country is going to blame him. Yes, the president wields much power over the country, but he's not the only player here.

However, the news media constantly posts headlines about "Obama did this" and "Obama said that" which make it look like he is making decisions completely alone. What people may not think about is that Obama has an administration.

He does not sit at a desk all day and make random decisions.

He works with many different people and many others put political pressure on him.

This is not to say that Obama cannot be blamed for some things. Sure, he is not the best president ever and maybe he never will be.

But the media does not help Obama's image by focusing on him solely.

One person cannot change a whole entire economic, social, or political system overnight. The media is not helping the American people understand politics.

Indirectly or directly, the media is not only hurting Obama's image, it is fueling the anger of Americans at their president.

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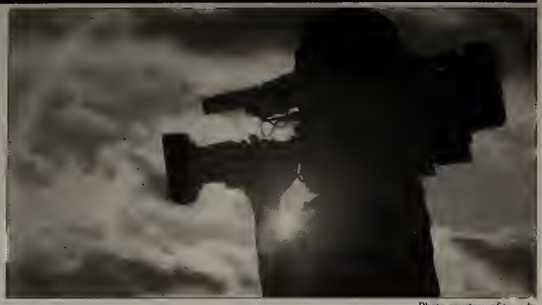

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The media portrays political matters in a variety of different ways.

The Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

President Obama has made it a priority to increase the discretionary budget for United States Education Department and increase the maximum Pell Grant for low-income college students.

USA Today has stated that Obama has focused much of his time and energy since taking office on improving K-12 education. This education and college level education was a large recipient of the $787 billion congressional stimulus. Obama wants to increase this by $5.3 billion, with promises that it will benefit students in many ways.

The increase of the discretionary budge for the U.S. Education Department will go to $46.7 billion. Obama said he would also increase the Pell Grant for low-income college students to $5,550.

As quoted in *USA Today*, "'We don't believe that this proposal, which will increase the federal debt, is in the best interests of students, schools or taxpayers,' said Marcia Sullivan, the group's government relations director. There are a few reasons why "Mr. Pres" might want to make these changes.

One, he wants the votes of the teachers unions.

Two, he wants to start programming children at a young age to the ways of the "progressive movement" he's got going on (this, by the way, has already been done in many elementary schools and colleges around the country).

And three, anything to divert the attention off of the more important matters like health care and jobs is a positive thing for him and his administration.

Maybe his intentions are well and good, but not only are there other more important policies to focus on right now, increasing the congressional stimulus to education by five billion dollars is a lot of money!

We are so deep in debt that we will all probably be long dead before this country ever sees a time when there is no debt. There is no need to increase that. What we need is jobs and help with the economy to get the country back on its feet.

With that said, I want to digress a little to Obama's stage presence and how it may affect the people of America.

In the beginning of his campaign process, I, along with many other Americans I'm sure, noticed how great Obama was on stage and on camera. He has one of those voices that just sticks with you, like Edward Murrow in the 1930's, and he sounds so confident in what he's doing.

Let me just point something out to all of you: This. Means. Nothing. I know watching and listening to someone "entertaining" makes it worth watching, but what he says doesn't matter unless it is followed up by what he does.

Most of the time, you see, it's not. Obama gives the same speech every time, he just changes the words: education, health care, economy, etc.

Maybe we as Americans should, for future elections, be more focused on policy and follow through rather than on attractiveness and media presentation.

I know that in order to be a good president, you have to portray yourself well on television and in the media, but like I said that means nothing, at least to me, unless you can prove to the world that what you're saying is true.

Everyone's a winner at Vancouver 2010

By Lewis Parsons
Voice Reporter

On Sunday a two week celebration of sport, goodwill, and world community came to an end in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. This celebration was called the 21st Olympic Winter games, and it starred athletes from all continents and backgrounds in one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

All the participants in the competition were winners and champions in my eyes. Gold medalist superstars like American snowboarder Shaun White to surprise athletes like "The Snow Leopard", a downhill skier from the Tropical African nation of Ghana, the games were truly remarkable and full of remarkable people. These are some of my favorite people and moments from the Olympic games:

The Canadian men's ice hockey team: a star-studded who's who of NHL players with the expectations of 35 million people on their shoulders. It wasn't perfect, but they delivered when it mattered, whether it be through luck, fate, or skill. They are the true kings of hockey.

Kim-Yu-Na: A teenage combination of Elvis and Michael Jordan in her native Republic of Korea, she had an exceptionally high bar set for her in lady's figure skating, and she delivered. As did the other men and women figure skaters.

The United States men's ice hockey team: While not the underdogs they were in 1980, the youngest team in the tournament surprised many by nearly taking silver medals, and giving some of the best hockey games of the decade, if not ever. They should be considered champions in their own right. As should the teams from Russia, Belarus, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, and all the other men and women's hockey teams.

The downhill skiers, men and women, like Americans Bode Miller, Lindsey Vonn, and Norwegian Axsel Svindal. They won or lost by hundredths of a second, but amazed us all by being able to have the courage and skill to go down a hill on skis faster then most of us drive down the highway. They are all champions.

The biathletes, like the "King" of the sport, Norway's Ole Einar Bjoemdalen, who couldn't quite manage to meet the modest expectation of winning 4 gold medals at 36 years old to pay homage to his Viking ancestors. Or all the other skiers who can cross-country ski for miles then hit targets the size of a silver dollar with a rifle. They are all amazing athletes every one.

Snowboarders like Shaun White and Kazuhiro Kokubo dazzle in this winter Olympic sport. These daredevils have courage and flair beyond what most consider normal.

The curlers from Canada, Scotland, and from around the world can somehow make "Ice shuffleboard" so skillful and intriguing to watch.

The Chinese Figure skating pair Zhao Hongbo, and Shen Xue put off their wedding until they won gold in their last try at the Olympics. They ended a Russian dynasty going back to the days of the Soviet Union.

The men and women brave enough to luge, bobsled, or otherwise throw themselves down a track of ice at 90 miles an hour and the Republic of Georgia's Nodar Kumarishtavilli, who died doing what he loved and chasing a dream should be honored and respected.

I cannot mention every single other Olympic athlete; but these young people are each an amazing example of human drive, athleticism, and spirit. They were able to put aside their differences for a few weeks for friendly competition. Hopefully their governments can take a hint follow suit.

Let's also not forget the place that made it all possible: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, a special place in its own right. They put on a show that was uniquely Canadian, majestic, humorous, and showing their ancestral history.

From the snowboarder flying through the Olympic rings, to the first Nations dancers to the inflatable beavers, they dazzled people from around the world, and showed the world what Canada was about, and what it could do.

As wes said in the opening ceremonies "An experiment gone right for a change."

Lets all take the motto of the games home with us, and the memories of it. And approach things "With Glowing hearts" like the athletes and hosts of the Olympic games did.

Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay

This past Saturday, one of the most epic hockey games took place to cap off the 2010 Vancouver winter Olympics as the Americans took on the Canadians in the gold medal game. I, of course was rooting for Canada.

Wait, back up. Canada? Yes, I was pulling for our neighbors to the north and there is but one reason I could bring myself to do so; money.

Well, two. Money; and the world's luckiest gambler, Tom Coughlin.

I'm not talking here about the New York Giants coach, instead my good friend, the master of debauchery and luckiest high-stakes gambler I've met.

Here's where my weekend starts. I'm at the bar at Outback Steakhouse with Tommy Gunnz as he has affectionately become known, on Saturday night. He's just got off of work and we're killing Newcastle's at an unhealthy pace when super villain, the kitchen cook, Keith comes out of the kitchen with his usual greeting; a friendly, "hey [over amourous lover of moms], who you got tomorrow?"

Really quick first, I must explain a bit about our super villain Keith. Keith is a good man who gambles more than anyone and on anything I've ever met. This past summer I lost $180 to the man on NASCAR bets alone. Thank God I had the sense not to bet on any Giant/Eagle games with the Philly native, or it's safe to say I'd not only owe him a kidney, but would be mowing his lawn until the end of time.

So Keith comes up to Tom and begins to egg on the slightly buzzed Tommy Gunnz.

"C'mon, man, who you got?

"Canada. You can't bet against the country that invented the sport," Tom replies.

"What are you, a [expletive]-ing terrorist? You're really rooting against the USA?"

By this time, six Newcastle's deep, Tom is in no position to retreat from what would appear as a challenge to anyone who is three sheets to the wind under any circumstances.

"No, Keith. I am not a [expletive]-ing terrorist, I just think Canada is going to win," he says. "I'm not rooting against America I just think Canada will win."

Keith kicks his left foot over his right and points it on the ground, throws his right hand on his hip and sneers at Tom.

"Twenty bucks says you're wrong."

"I don't want to bet."

"C'mon. Don't be a damn [pampered kitty cat]. Make the bet. Make it $40"

Tom signals for another round then looks at Keith.

"Alright fine. But if you're so [male rooster]-sure of yourself, let's go for a c-note, dog."

By this time, I've switched to Jack and Cokes, Tom is still downing Newcastle's and we're about 20 minutes late for the Armor game he won tickets to; but the show is obviously here.

"Dude, I'm not betting you a $100. You're [expletive]ing crazy."

"You're the one betting against the country that invented the sport it's playing."

"Fine."

They shake on it, and Keith goes back to his lair in the walk-in freezer. Fast forward to Sunday night, 20 seconds to go in the third period of a 2-1 game, Canada leading. I log onto Facebook to check out Tom's profile, which is lighting up like a pinball machine as the American's tie it the game with less than half a minute left.

Unbelievable.

In true Tommy Gunnz fashion, he begins counter-betting every person who comments on his status, a total of 9 people before the start of overtime bet him $20. For those scoring at home, Tom now has $280 out in bets with no money to back them.

The phone rings.

"DUDE. I'm having a [expletive]ing meltdown. Twenty seconds. TWENTY SECONDS, and I'd have covered all of Atlantic City."

"I know, I can't believe it.....are you drunk?"

"What do you think Castonguay? Yes. I am drunk. Hold on, I've got another call."

He hangs up and I put the phone down laughing. This is phenomenal. Few things in this world are more enjoyable than living through a Tommy Gunnz breakdown for a couple reasons. One, he's usually drunk when it happens, two, he over-reacts to the situation and begins raucously defending whatever decision, no matter how reckless it was/is to the point that he'll dig himself into an even deeper hole and finally, he never ever ends up getting screwed over.

The phone rings again.

"Hey. You have to do me this favor. Stay on the line and give me play by play. Oh, and on your life, on our friendship, don't get me excited and tell me Canada wins if they don't. I swear to God...Bro...are you there?"

"At this point, I'm laughing my tail off because I've known this person long enough to know that this, right now, is life and death and that somehow, Canada will win and basically cover all of his expenses for our upcoming Atlantic City excursion (the last time he went, my transmission let go and cost me $3,000; he lost his wallet and won $455.92 on a penny slot machine) during Spring break.

"Yes, Tom."

"Ok. I have to pick Nikki up from the bus station. And I'm drunk. So you have to keep talking to me."

Staying on the line all the way through Crosby's gold-medal and game winning goal was scored little more than two minutes into the extra period.

Why am I telling you this? I don't know. I just enjoyed the story and experience so much I had to fill the space with it this week. I'm so beyond excited for Spring Break and my redemption journey to Atlantic City and the beer/golf/club extravaganza that is surely about to ensue is only going to be a week-long magnification of this past weekend's events. And it's the last issue of this column for at least two weeks. By then it'll be time to start thinking about the Masters and Opening Day, two of the best times of the year. For now though, it's time to sign off and head over to Outback to witness Tommy Gunnz collect.

Until next time and as always, children, keep your head on a swivel and watch the beverage.

Webcasting program ready to take off

Articles By Matt Lapan
Voice Reporter

With 19 varsity sports at Westfield State College, it is often hard for students to find enough time in their day to check them all out.

Whether it the event is too far away, too late, or the weather is just too bad to walk all the way to the Woodward Center students will always have a reason on why they cannot go.

However a program that started this year will make it so that every student has an opportunity to see all Westfield State varsity athletic games next school year.

That program is the online webcasting program.

The program was started two years ago by Associate Athletics Director/Sports Information Mickey Curtis, but did not take on a fully functioning form until this school year.

This year the program extended to cover home football, soccer, and basketball games when in years past the program only covered home football and select basketball games.

In past years, the webcasting program has faced the problem of not having a "Voice of the Owls", or a lead broadcaster. This year that problem was solved when Curtis assembled a broadcast team of Matt LaPan, Bryan Stockhaus, and James Clover.

The broadcast team was one of the most successful in the MASCAC conference, being heard around the world by over 500 people.

"I loved the program," said Westfield State Junior, and co-lead broadcaster Bryan Stockhaus. "It was a very professional and we were able to bring the program from nothing to a success."

According to a source with the webcasting program, "the program is on its way up.

We have already been approved to get new equipment and expand the number of people that are able to listen to games at any given point."

The program allowed only 200 listeners per game this year, but did transition form a cost of $5 per game, to a free listener's fee.

This made the program more accessible to students and parents who have children playing on varsity teams.

Next year the webcast will be open to an unlimited number of viewers per game and will stay free to all viewers.

"The program can only get better with the new equipment," says Stockhaus. "Also when we get more people to join the team it will become far more organized and reach a larger audience."

According to the head of the webcasting program, "Next season games will again be free to view and available on MASCAC.tv.

The program is also accepting applications for new members to the team.

If you are interested in becoming a member contact Matt LaPan at wscbroadcast@yahoo.com with a list of your prior experience and what you would like to be."

So next year students will no longer have an excuse to miss their friends' field hockey game because they were "at home," because that game will only be a click away.

Injured star continues to help team

Anthony Stomski is a senior at Westfield State College and is a star member of the college's track and field team. As a junior, Stomski missed being a national qualifier in the hammer throw by less than a foot.

However this year, due to injuries to both feet, Stomski cannot even compete. But he is still helping the track team win. One might ask, "How can he do this?"

Stomski is continuing to help his team by becoming a volunteer coach. This means that Stomski is still part of the team he led last year, however he is now molding the teammates that he competed with, and against last year.

"I like helping [my teammates] out. It's nice to see my teammates succeed and I'm glad I can be the one to help them," said Stomski.

And help Stomski has. In his first season as volunteer coach, Stomski has led all of the track and field athletes to vast improvement during their indoor season.

"Anthony has been huge in my improvement this year," said junior Josh Gillcoine. "I'm glad that Stomski has stayed with the team and passed his technique on, rather then just leaving the team."

Stomski has had a lot of training in coaching since his father, Mike Stomski, is the throwing coach for Worchester Polytechnic Institute and is considered one of the better coaches in Division III New England.

"All the practices that we've had together [Stomski and his father] and all the time we have spent throwing, you really start to pick up on the things he [Mike Stomski] tells you," said the younger Stomski. "When he coaches other people, I am always listening because you can pick up on a lot of tips by seeing other throwers throw. Part of being a good coach is being a good student."

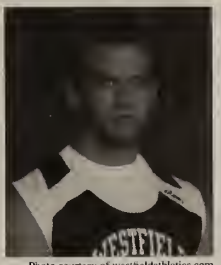

Photo courtesy of westfieldathletics.com
Athlete Anthony Stomski continues to help out the track and field team despite his injury.

"You have to be willing to learn, even as a coach, because every little tip helps. Every day I am learning more and passing it along to my former team mates, which are now my athletes," Stomski added.

As winter season turns to spring, Stomski will now have a chance to help the track team by passing on tips to his specialty, the hammer throw.

As Westfield looks to continue to hold the reputation of having a great throwing team, Stomski will be key. Because even with an injury, this all-star is still helping his team win.

Photo courtesy of denverpost.com

The beginning of baseball season kicks off this March. Spring training takes place in Arizona and Florida.

What spring training means to a baseball fan

By Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

Spring Training. Pitchers and catchers report in February. The first game starts the first week of March. Hello to the beginnings of baseball season for fans.

For this columnist, baseball is a big deal.

Even though the season ends in October, I still check baseball news on a daily basis until it starts up again at the end of February with the beginnings of Spring Training.

There's just something about baseball. I don't quite know what it is, it just intrigues me.

For me, the excitement starts when pitchers and catchers start reporting to camp. Seeing the video of the players on ESPN as they walk to the field makes me realize just how close baseball season is to beginning.

Then, there's the Spring Training games themselves. Even though most of the high profile players don't play, or only play for the first few innings, it's still exciting to me, and other fans.

Part of that excitement is seeing the up and coming players, like Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia were just a few years ago. Who knows what kind of talent you're going to see?

Another aspect is the split squad games that the Red Sox play against Northeastern University and Boston College.

Those college players must be so ecstatic to play against professionals, especially ones that they have most likely grown up watching or admired.

Before you know it, Spring Training is practically over and it's the beginning of April.

Opening Day is just a few short days away, and the competition between teams begins.

One thing that I use Spring Training for is to size up the team for this year. That's probably what most other fans do as well.

Granted, as I said before, the high profile players don't get as much playing time, but I still size them up during Spring Training.

I look for how well they're swinging the bat in their few plate appearances, as well as speed on the bases. Also, defensive skills are taken into account.

Spring Training can either make you feel good or bad about a team.

I'm hoping that it will make me feel good about the Red Sox team for this year.

Here are a few of the things I will be looking at when I size up the team.

First, I'll be looking at Mike Lowell. His recent thumb surgery, his hip that plagues him, and how much playing time he'll get with the addition of Adrian Beltre will all be things I look at regarding him.

Second, I'll be sizing up Daisuke Matsuzaka. He didn't have the best season last year when he was healthy, and then he was out with an injured shoulder. I wonder how he will hold up this semester, and actually did the strengthening exercises he was supposed to do.

Third, David Ortiz. God I hope his bat gets bigger this season as it has in the past. Losing Jason Bay in the field and especially behind the plate hurts the Red Sox.

They need David Ortiz to pick up the slack and reclaim his booming bat from seasons past.

Finally, the new additions to the team. Adrian Beltre, Marco Scutaro, and Mike Cameron in particular are ones I will be sizing up.

Just think baseball fans, one more month until Opening Day!

WSC Sports Roundup

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's men's ice hockey team lost its quarterfinal game of the MASCAC tournament against UMass Dartmouth by a score of 4-3 last Tuesday night.

UMass took a 3-0 lead in the second period but the Owls were able to make the score 3-1 with six seconds left in the period on a power play goal by Casey Mignone.

But UMass went up 4-1 early in the third period and the three goal deficit was too much for Westfield to overcome.

Lucas Romero scored a goal six minutes into the third period and Mignone scored his second goal of the game with seven minutes remaining to make the score 4-3.

That was as close as the Owls would get, however, as the last shots of the game came up empty and Westfield was unable to even the score.

UMass will now play Fitchburg State in the semifinals of the MASCAC tournament.

Senior Kerry Arouca of Westfield's women's indoor track and field team finished second in the 5,000 meter run at the All New England indoor track and field championships held last weekend at Boston University.

Arouca set a personal best in the 5,000 with a time of 17:00.11 and qualified for the 2010 NCAA Division III women's indoor track and field championships on March 12 at DePauw University in Indiana.

WSC's men's track and field team had three athletes finish in the top ten of their respective events to earn All New England Honors at All New England indoor track and field championships.

Freshman Anthony Frissora finished seventh in the 1,000 meter run with a time of 2:31.89 and was the Owl's top finisher.

Freshman Brendan Corcoran placed eighth in the 500 finals in 1:04.84 and senior Brandon Palmer finished eighth in the triple jump with a leap of 44-6.

Photo courtesy of westfieldstateowls.com

Senior Kerry Arouca finished second in the 5,000 meter run in the All New England indoor track and field championships.

Senior sprinter Marc Gomes, sophomore miler Patrick Regan and freshman pole vaulter Thomas Gauger also competed for the Owls in the All New England meet.

Members of both the men's and women's track teams are continuing to practice as they prepare for the upcoming outdoor track season.

The first meet of the spring track season will be the Jerry Gravel Classic, held here at Westfield State on March 27.

With the winter sports season winding down and the spring sports season just around the corner, Westfield's baseball and softball teams have been practicing hard in preparation for their trips to Florida over spring break.

The baseball team heads to Florida on March 12 and will play 11 games while they're down there.

The softball team flies down on March 13 and will play nine games in Florida.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You should be aware that everyone around you might be likely to react to things a little more emotionally than usual right now. If you've been keeping your feelings bottled up a bit, you might find yourself experiencing a fair amount of stress and tension before the week is through.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You'll probably feel like following your heart this week. If your friends or other people don't quite appreciate that, there could be a few disagreements to deal with before the week is through. Whatever you decide to do today, be careful not to overdo it.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
If you have a number of responsibilities that you have to deal with, you just might not be all that into it. Your mind may keep drifting back to issues at home or in your private life, and you could find it a little hard to focus on the tasks at hand right now.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You're likely to be feeling somewhat adventurous right now, and you probably wouldn't mind escaping your usual environment and getting out of town at least for a day.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You might not totally trust someone else's judgment when it comes to money this week. The problem is that any conflicts are likely to be highly emotional. Try not to get too carried away with any disputes. If you try to address problems as they occur, things should run smoothly.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Any unresolved problems in your relationships are likely to start popping up this week. Since you're both bound to be a little more emotional than usual, you might be inclined to want to fight rather than compromise when disagreements arise.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
If you have to deal with a lot of work or any other sort of responsibilities, there could be quite a bit of confusion and some conflicts might result. Your physical energy might be a little low at the moment. If you find yourself feeling a bit stressed out, just be careful of a tendency to be a little too opinionated right now.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You won't feel much like compromising your interests to the needs of others, and this could lead to some conflicts with a few of your friends before the week is through. Your mind is likely to be on your romantic interests and on having a little fun right now

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
There might be quite a few obligations that you'll be expected to take care of in the outside world. And even if your thoughts are primarily centered on your family and private life right now, there are bound to be plenty of other responsibilities.

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)
Your restlessness could make you a little irritable and lead to a few misunderstandings. You'll probably wish that you could be a little more care-free and independent right now.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You could be feeling a little sensitive right now, and you might tend to overreact and feel like you need to defend yourself more than is really necessary. So try not to let things get too out of hand if you can help it.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
You could find that you're just not on the same wavelength with the important people in your life. Try to take a step back and see things from their point of view if you can.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Jalapeno Chicken

Ingredients

3 skinless boneless chicken breasts

4 jalapenos, chopped

1 cup of white wine

1/4 cup of balsamic vinegar

4 cloves garlic, minced

Clean out jalapenos according to desired heat level (the seeds are what make them hot, so leave them in if you want an extra hot dish!) roughly chop them up
Combine wine, vinegar, jalapeno, and garlic to make marinade
Mix well
Marinade chicken for 4-6 hours (a zip lock bag would be a good way to marinade, or a Tupperware container)
Grill or Bake (at 350 degrees) chicken to perfection.
Serve with rice pilaf if desired.
ENJOY!

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Dr. Zbigniew Bzrezinski at WSC

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Dr. Zbigniew Bzrezinski served as United States National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter.

By Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

On June 8th 1967, the Middle Eastern conflict that would be remembered as the Six-Day War was raging between Israel and its Arab neighbors. The USS Liberty, a technical research ship, was on an electronic intelligence-gathering mission in international waters north of Egypt. That day, over a two-hour period, fighter aircraft and torpedo boats from the Israeli Defense Forces hit the Liberty in an all out attack with gunfire, torpedoes, and napalm.

When it was over, 34 crewmembers were dead and 171 wounded. The ship itself, severely damaged, had nearly been sunk. Captain William McGonagle, who stayed at the helm of his ship for the duration of the assault despite being injured, was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Both the American and Israeli official investigations concluded that the attack was an accident and that the Israelis had mistaken the Liberty for an enemy-Egyptian vessel. It is important to note as an example of the chaotic horror that is war, the day prior to the attack on the Liberty, the Israelis had bombed their own tanks in the West Bank.

Nevertheless, many high-ranking members of the Johnson administration and military officers went to their graves believing that the attack was no accident. U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk later wrote, "I was never satisfied with the Israeli explanation. Their sustained attack to disable and sink Liberty precluded an assault by accident or some trigger-happy local commander. Through diplomatic channels we refused to accept their explanations. I didn't believe them then, and I don't believe them to this day."

Every surviving crewmember testified to the fact that the Liberty was flying the American flag and that its name and number markings on the hull were clearly visible. Israeli aircraft made at least several passes over the ship before attacking. Liberty crewmembers that were

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Health Care Reform Law changes affect young people

By Caitlin Penndorf
Editor in Chief

On Tuesday, March 23, President Obama officially signed into law the healthcare reform bill. While there was and still is much deliberation over this bill, one thing is for sure: many Americans are still confused about what this means for them.

CNN.com has laid out some ways healthcare reform will affect people within the next eight years, so we've sorted through that information to provide you with some insight on what the law means for you, as a college student, whether you be a freshman or graduating senior.

First and possibly most important for graduating seniors is that young people will now be able to stay under their parents' insurance coverage until they're 27 years old. This will help students who will be graduating from college but may not have secured a job or begun their careers by May. If you do have a job that offers health insurance, this change will not apply to you.

Some insurance companies already have policies that will cover young people under their parent's plans until they're of a certain age, regardless of their student status.

However each company is different and have varied regulations regarding employment status, student status and age.

For those of you who stay tan all year (which I'm so jealous, by the way), there's another specific implication that will affect you once you hit the tanning beds in July. There will be a ten percent tax added to indoor tanning services bill beginning on July 1, 2010.

The above two changes will occur during the first year. Others will take a bit longer to establish themselves.

"A 2.9 percent excise tax on the first sale of medical devices will be established. Excepted are eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids or other items for individual use," according to CNN.com. This policy will go in to effect in 2013.

In 2014, Americans will have to have acceptable coverage or they're be fined $95. This total will rise as years go by: $325 penalty in 2015 and then $695 in 2016. In addition to this, 2014 will also not allow insurers to refuse to sell or renew policies to an individual based on their current health status. They will also no longer be allowed to charge different rates depending on health status, gender or other factors.

While this is not a complete list of how the health care reform law will affect us (because as we will grow older, other provisions will also begin to affect us and there are also many technical aspects that will go along with these changes), it focuses on some of the things that may affect young people now or in the near future.

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Ely Studio Theatre

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The Vagina Monologues
$3/students with I.D.
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Dever Hall

11:00 p.m.
Brown Bag Bingo
Ely Main Lounge

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Baseball vs. Becker
Baseball Field

7:00 p.m.
Monday Night Jazz
Ely Main Lounge

The tipping point, new discoveries to be made

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

I had the whole break to organize an article for this week and I didn't. Too busy enjoying the gorgeous weather we had in the latter half of the week. But then I realized that I should probably wrap up the on-going tipping point topic. Of course. So what else is there to know?

Well, first of all it must be noted that the tipping points (or tipping *elements* as they are known in the academic vernacular, which I recently learned) discussed before break are only a few of many potential tipping points that climatologists have been monitoring.

New points are actually being discovered all the time, making it hard to determine exactly how many there are; the Amazon, ocean conveyor, and Greenland ice sheet are the most talked about, so it made sense to primarily focus on them.

Others that are just as serious but more obscure are the Bodele Depression in Chad, which carries 700,000 tons of sediment in the atmosphere every year, affecting sunlight and temperatures in certain regions as it floats around the world; the extremely climate sensitive South Asian monsoons; and the Tibetan plateau, which if melted (like the Greenland ice sheet) will begin to absorb more heat because there will be less ice to reflect light.

Photo courtesy of nasa.com
The Bodele Depression located in Chad, Africa.

Methane clathrate release is a phenomenon that most concerns climatologists. Methane clathrates (from the Latin clatratus meaning *with bars* or *lattice*) are solid clathrate compounds that contain huge amounts of methane trapped in crystal structures of water similar to ice, found buried in the sea floor and permafrost.

Stable only in the cold and under high pressure, these methane concentrations are the largest found on the planet.

Since methane is twenty-four times more potent a greenhouse gas than CO_2, there is some worry about what would happen if large portions were released into the atmosphere.

The clathrate gun hypothesis suggests the possibility of intense degassing ("burping" as they like to call it) should the earth's global temperature rise about four or five degrees Fahrenheit.

Similar methane releases caused a near mass extinction 250 million years ago at the end of the Permian period and also is believed to have caused the Eocene Epoch hothouse period.

David Archer, University of Chicago geoscientist and author of *Global Warming: Understanding the Forecast*, has stated that slow methane bubbling into the atmosphere could raise global temperatures a full degree Fahrenheit for up to 10,000 years.

Even if fossil fuel emissions diminish methane-induced warming would continue.

With the Siberian permafrost melting quite rapidly in recent years, climatologists fear that the abundance of methane stored underneath will find its way to the surface. Of all the tips, this is predicted to be the most crippling.

The main point to hit home: once a point has tipped there is no way to reverse the effects; whatever changes occur must be dealt with as they are.

With this in mind, humanity as a whole should be very conscious of tipping points and attentive to any signs that a tip is nearing. Mitigation (making things less severe) and adaptation will become increasingly critical should we reach that point.

The top scientists in the world are surveying every possible scenario and the best solution now to a problem that has not yet arisen is to keep the planetary temperature as normal as we can.

We'll have to keep cracking at those GHG's.

Leadership Campaign prepares for second sleep out

Have you ever been in the midst of a large group of people who are all working to achieve the same goal, all dedicated to the belief in a need for action? The first Sleep Out I attended was in early November last semester.

It was an amazing experience to be with so many passionate and dedicated people. It was one of the experiences that gave me the final push to get off my butt and actually do something about climate change.

And here is your chance to take the plunge, or at least see what the Leadership Campaign is all about. The Leadership Campaign will be having its second statewide Sleep Out of the year on March 28 in Cambridge, MA.

Close to 200 students from across the state will gather to show their support of An Act to Create a Repower Massachusetts Emergency Task Force. We will gather Sunday night for motivational speeches and regional and statewide planning, and Monday morning we will march to the State House to speak with our legislators to ask them to support our bill.

Photo courtesy of topnews.in
The Leadership Campaign will hold a statewide sleepout on March 28 in Cambridge, MA.

We are a diverse group of people, from across the country, and even the world, from dozens of colleges and with many different majors.

We all have our own personal reasons to be concerned with the direction of or state and our world. Some of us are nature lovers, others humanitarians, and others have religious motivation; we are all tied together by our common desire for a just and stable future on this planet. We invite anyone who is interested to come and join us as we Wake Up and Sleep Out for the future.

If any students (or professors) are interested in joining the Leadership Campaign in our efforts to reach 100% clean electricity please attend our weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 5:15 in Ely 3rd floor lounge or send me an email.

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Submissions may be dropped off at *The Westfield Voice* office, Ely 305, no later than 5:30P.M. on Tuesdays before anticipated publication date.

The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Thank you Democrats. The health care reform bill has finally passed and has been signed into law. On Sunday night, history was made. In a narrow 219-212 vote, the bill was passed and it was all done without a single vote from a Republican.

The bill, it seems, was destined from the beginning to not be bipartisan but if the Democrats can push it through by themselves, then so be it.

On Tuesday, President Obama signed the bill into law among a crowd of supporters including Vice President Biden, Democratic congressmen and women, and Vicki Kennedy, the late Ted Kennedy's wife. Her husband spent years of his life championing for health care reform and it is sad that he was not able to see it. However, it has finally passed and now he can rest in peace.

Kennedy said in his letter to President Obama before he died, "while I will not see the victory, I was able to look forward and know that we will – yes, we will – fulfill the promise of health care in America as a right and not a privilege."

On Sunday night, and then on Tuesday, the representatives of the people and the President together helped to begin to fulfill the promise that Kennedy was talking about.

Health care is a right and this bill will help to make sure that many more Americans have insurance and better health care.

Under the bill, kids can stay on their parents' insurance plans until their 27 birthday, which can be very helpful for students just out of college. Also, insurance companies will no longer be able deny coverage because of pre-existing conditions.

The bill will extend coverage to many Americans, more than 30 million, by increasing Medicaid and requiring many Americans to get health insurance.

This plan is going to put pressure on the insurance companies and in the end, will be of great benefit to the American people.

While this is a great victory for Obama and the Democrats, it is also a victory for all American people. Many conservatives argue that it costs too much or that this country is going socialist, but the truth is, this bill will serve the American people better and the Republicans and conservatives can get over it. The response from some conservatives, like John McCain, is really aggravating.

As McCain said, "there will be no cooperation for the rest of this year." What he means is that bipartisanship ended here for year.

The trust test, however, will come with the elections this November. But the American people should not just vote out representatives because they passed this bill. They need to realize just how important this bill will be for their own families and themselves.

As President Obama said Tuesday, "we are a nation that does what is hard, what is necessary, what is right." This week, the United States has done what is right, even if it has faced severe opposition. The battle is not over yet but the Democrats and Obama definitely deserve praise for the passage of the bill and for extending the right to good health to many more Americans.

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Opinions differ dramatically on the health care reform bill.

The Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

So, the title of the counterpoint column to this one is "The Angry Liberal."

I am temporarily changing the title of my column this week to "The Angry, In Shock, and Sick-and-Tired-of-These-Stupid-People-in-Office Conservative."

Why you ask?

I'll give you one guess.

Yup, you've got it. Obama's health care bill was passed on Sunday night with a 219-212 vote.

I am sure at this point everyone reading this article knows what it is and has heard at least one news story about it, so I am not going into details.

I am, however, going to express why I extremely dislike this program.

First off, let me use some examples from an article in *Time*.

According to the article, many Democrats voted yes on this bill even though they knew that doing so would cost them their careers.

"The Democrats passed the bill without a single Republican vote - and with the knowledge that it may well have ended the political careers of some who voted for it at a time when the public remains deeply divided over the entire endeavor," *Times* said.

There must have been some wining and dining with the president for Democrats who promised to vote no and that knew their careers were in jeopardy for them to change their mind.

Something sounds fishy about that to me.

Also, minority leader John Boehner said, "If we pass this bill, there will be no turning back. It will be the last straw for the American people."

Not only are those two things extremely true, but I believe 39 out of the 50 U.S. states have threatened that if this bill gets passed they will take it to the Supreme Court dubbing it unconstitutional and refusing to abide by the law.

It is quite possible these states will win their case, too, since the Supreme Court and the president aren't really on the greatest of terms.

I would hope that the Supreme Court would do their job of finding laws unconstitutional and agree with these states.

Let me go back to that concept for a minute.

The bill is unconstitutional. Some of you Democrats out there that love President Obama for all of his glories might say "Nooo way! This bill rocks and it has all the benefits I will ever need for the rest of my life!" WRONG!

President Obama has claimed that in order to be a United States citizen you HAVE to purchase health care.

First, where in the Constitution does it say that the government can require and make you purchase something?

And second, since when do illegal immigrants get to come here without taking a citizenship exam, purchase health care, and become legal citizens of the country?

Since when is that okay?

Since when is that constitutional?

I'll tell you since when.

Since this country has been moving slowly away from democracy and toward communism. Since Barack Obama has taken office.

So now I would like to take a second and thank him for bankrupting the country.

If I could, all I would have written in this article is Health Care = Bankruptcy.

But since I can't do that, this will have to do.

My father wants to move to France.

My brother wants to move to Switzerland and now I am greatly considering both of these options just to escape the horrors that are coming to this country each and every day.

Student of the Week

Andrew Martin
Senior
English Education

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
I'm torn between Tom Brady because of how all around awesome he is. Married to a super model and plays for the patriots. Bruce Wayne, not only is he a millionare and hanging out with super models but he's also Batman.

If you could only listen to three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
The Beatles, The Weakerthans, and Tom Petty.

What's the last movie your saw in theaters?
Toy Story

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?
My favorite thing would be the secretary in the English Department, Regina. She's the best.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
Hopefully get a teaching job somewhere in MA but realistically living at my parent's house.

What is your favorite material object?
Black Thunder and my ice skates.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email ***thevoice@wsc.ma.edu*** *and tell us why.*

BRZEZINSKI: Speaks the facts to staff and students

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on the deck testified that one aircraft flew by so low and slow that they and the pilot waved to each other.

Near the end of his life, at a meeting of survivors, Captain McGonagle said, "For many years I have wanted to believe that the attack on the Liberty was pure error... It appears to me that it was not a pure case of mistaken identity. It was, on the other hand, gross incompetence and aggravated dereliction of duty on the part of many officers and men of the state of Israel."

When discussing a hypothetical Israeli attack against Iran, with Israeli aircraft flying through Iraq and above American troops based there, what could Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski have been implying with, "If they fly over, you go up and confront them. They have the choice of turning back or not. No one wishes for this but it could be a Liberty in reverse?" In the context of the interview that I asked him about, how would it translate? To answer this for certain, one would first have to ask Brzezinski how he personally views the Liberty incident, which he revealed neither in that interview nor in his response to me.

Translated literally though to the hypothetical case of an Israeli attack against Iran through Iraqi airspace without U.S. permission, and one where the Israelis refused U.S. demands to turn back after being confronted, it would entail that the U.S. either accidentally or intentionally shoot the planes down and either truthfully or untruthfully say they were mistaken for Egyptian aircraft in the aim of preventing a regional war in which U.S. troops and interests would be retaliated against by Iran.

I was not trying to challenge what Brzezinski had said and honestly thought that if the implications of his statements were clear to the point that he wouldn't have a problem with the way I summarized them to provide the context for my question. Responding to me, it seemed as if he thought or at least tried to portray me to the audience as an ardent supporter of Israel who was angry over his lack of uncritical support.

The interview dealing with the hypothetical Israeli attack on Iran was from last September. I jotted my question down while listening to Brzezinski speak, had read the interview mid-September, and did not have the text of it with me at the time. From that interview, in answering two questions being asked about the hypothetical Israeli attack on Iran through Iraq that the U.S. was against, the following are Brzezinski's full responses that I quoted in part previously.

"We are not exactly impotent little babies. They have to fly over our airspace in Iraq. Are we just going to sit there and watch? ... Well, we have to be serious about denying them that right. That means a denial where you aren't just saying it. If they fly over, you go up and confront them. They have the choice of turning back or not. No one wishes for this but it could be a Liberty in reverse."

Recalling the general idea of Brzezinski's interview comments during his speech, I thought, "you suggested that in the event of an unilateral Israeli attack against Iran through Iraqi airspace, done without U.S. permission, rather than let Israel drag the U.S. into a war with Iran against its own interests, the U.S. should shoot the Israeli planes down *if necessary*" was a fair summary of what he had said and implied in the context of the questions he had been asked.

In an interview with Porter that I listened to last autumn, he wondered whether Brzezinski knew this from his own experience and or friends still in the military establishment. I wondered the same thing and was also curious if Brzezinski was taking the opportunity to hint to readers in the form of his own suggestions that he knew it to be official U.S. policy. It would, in turn, explain the stories in Israeli newspapers saying that the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was trying to convince to the Saudis to let the IDF fly through their airspace in the event that they decided to attack Iran on their own. Without acknowledging my question, Dr. Brzezinski responded only by challenging how I summarized his comments.

Editor's Desk

It's the week back after spring break and I'm officially ready to graduate. I've begun my job search (with large thanks to the Career Center!) and senioritis has set in.

April has a lot of great things coming up though, so there are definitely still some events to look forward to.

Hopefully everyone will be around for spring weekend and anyone who is 21+ will head over to the campus center window on Wednesday, March 31 to buy a ticket for the Mohegan Sun trip on April 17 from 3 to 11 p.m.

Tickets are only $15 and that includes transportation, a buffet and $10 for the slots! There are only 41 tickets to get yours a.s.a.p.

Seniors, enjoy your last two months here at WSC! Everyone else – get ready for some great upcoming events and take advantage of any nice weather!

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Super Phipps
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Welcome back students

Come in for our spring cleaning sale!

Sam Summer has arrived!

Rolling Rock: 18 pack bottles 10.99 or two for 19.99

Must be 21 years of age to enter!

Registration takes on new changes

By Caitlin Penndorf
Editor in Chief

Class registration at Westfield State will be changing as students approach the 2010-2011 academic year.

Instead of having weeklong spans for students to meet with advisors, they'll have three-day periods.

Students will be signing up for classes the next day after the three-day advising periods end.

Class registration will still be split up by class year. Seniors (84+ credits) will be advised Monday, March 29 through Thursday, April 1 and they will register on Friday, April 2.

Juniors (54-83 credits) will be advised from Monday, April 5 through Thursday, April 8, with registration on Friday, April 9.

Sophomores (24-53 credits) and first year students (0-23 credits) will be advised from Monday, April 12 through Thursday, April 15 and will register on Friday, April 16.

Web-registration will remain open through Friday, April 23 and will reopen May 1 until May 31.

First year students are still advised to go to Peer Advising in Parenzo 108 before seeing their major advisors.

Also, if you're eligible for early registration, you will be able to contact your advisor for an earlier advising appointment.

"The Academic Advising Center is excited to embark upon this new advising/registration season.

Peer Advising is available in Parenzo 108 right now. Professional staff are seeing ELED/LIBA and Undeclared students as we speak," said Laurie Simpson, director of the Academic Advising Center.

Peer advising will be available until the end of registration from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended hours of 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday from March 29 to April 15.

Remember to check your pins *before* your registration date so if there is any issue you can contact your advisor beforehand.

Q&A with Westfield State faculty and staff

By Phong Ly
Voice Reporter

Word on the street has it that you're one of the most awesome presidents to grace this campus, how do you respond to that?
My first responsibility is to focus on the needs of students and faculty. If that is being perceived as successful then I am obviously pleased.

Everyone knows Evan Dobelle, president of Westfield State, but who is he really?
Evan Dobelle is a kid from Pittsfield who life has given wonderful opportunities that he has tried to take advantage of and not forgotten where he came from.

What is your favorite movie and why?
Gandhi. You can always make a difference with resolve and I care deeply about India.

Would you rather be batman or superman?
Neither, I get vertigo.

Would you rather, have a city named after you OR have a professional wrestler base his gimmicks on impersonating you?
Professional wrestler to name the head butt after he bounces off the ropes back at his opponent as the "Evan."

What is your favorite material possession?
Pictures of family and friends.

What is the best gift you've ever received?
Bicycle when I was 8 years old.

Want to nominate a faculty/staff member for WSC Faculty/Staff Member of the Week? E-mail Phong Ly at ply6306@wsc.ma.edu with your suggestions.

Editor's Desk

Hello everyone!

Hope everyone had a magnificent spring break! I didn't do anything to exciting - just went home to work for the week. It was relaxing though, not to worry about school work or internships for a little while! And it turned into a beautiful week weather wise!

If I didn't it before, the senioritis is definitely kicking in now! I can't believe it is almost April and graduation is coming up so soon! I can't believe I am going to have to buy my cap and gown in just a few short weeks! Don't get me wrong though, I am ready to graduate!

After graduation I am going home to work for the summer. Then, in August, I am getting on a triple decker plane for a 14 hour ride to Israel. This will be my third time going. What makes this time different though, is that I will be there for six months. I can't wait!

If anyone is doing anything exciting after graduation and would like to write about it, send submissions to thevoice@wsc.ma.edu!

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Westfield State College presents
The Vagina Monologues

Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.
Dever Auditorium

$3/students with I.D.
$5/general admission
All proceeds will be donated to V-Day and YWCA New Beginnings

2010 Spotlight:
Stop Raping Our Greatest Resource, Power to Women and Girls of Democratic Republic of the Congo

"We were worried about vaginas. We were worried what we think about vaginas, and even more worried that we don't think about them."

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REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

QUENTIN TARANTINO

Born this week in 1963 was arguably the most influential screenwriters and directors of our era. Born in Knoxville, Tennessee, Quentin Tarantino moved to California age 2, dropped out of high school and began acting in his mid to late teens and wrote his first screenplay at 24. The rest, they say, is history. Tarantino is perhaps best known for his 1994 Academy Award-winning film *Pulp Fiction* an the cult classic *Reservoir Dogs*. Most recently, Tarantino wrote and directed the acclaimed 2009 film *Inglorious Bastards*, which was nominated for eight Oscars, winning one for Best Supporting Actor. Tarantino continues to make films and has announced that he plans to release *Kill Bill, Vol 3*.

Quentin Tarantino

In 2014 as his ninth film and that he intends to direct at least one more, as of yet unannounced, film before that time.

He has cameos in nearly every film he has directed.

ERIC CLAPTON

Over time, the music scene changes and names and faces come and go but the legends always seem to remain.

One of those legends, Eric Clapton, was born this week in 1945.

Clapton is known world wide as one the greatest guitar players of all-time, usually falling into the top 5 of any list of legendary players.

His early work came as a member of the super group Cream but is also remembered for his contributions to Derek and the Dominoes, The Yardbirds (who eventually became Led Zeppelin), Blind Faith and numerous other acts. His songs, "Layla," "Crossroads," "Wonderful Tonight" and his cover of Bob Marley and the Wailers classic "I Shot the Sheriff" are classic rock staples that still rock the airwaves today. Clapton also played lead guitar on the Beatles his "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" at the request of close friend George Harrison.

Eric Clapton

CHRISTOPHER WALKEN

One of the most recognizable and successful actors in cinema history, Christopher Walken, was born in Queens, New York this week in 1943. Walken has appeared in more than 100 movies and television shows. In 1978 he won the Academy Award for Best Supporting actor for his role in the critically acclaimed Vietnam film, *The Deer Hunter*. Since then, Walken has become one of the most popular actors of the generation. He has appeared in films of every genre, including his role as Max Zorin in the James Bond film *A View to a Kill*. More recently, Walken has appeared in *Hairspray*, *Click* and *Kangaroo Jack*. He has also hosted *Saturday Night Live* more than any other actor, including the famous "More Cowbell" sketch; professionals and amateurs alike often impersonate His pattern of speech and voice and in 2008, he was the center of a Presidential candidacy hoax.

Christoper Walken

Things that matter with Phong Ly

By Phong Ly
Voice Reporter

This week my article will focus on a serious subject that needs in depth journalistic approach and exploration. The topic of this week's article focuses on a battle that rivals that of many great clashes throughout history; Horus and Set, Rome against Carthage and U.S.A. v.s. U.S.S.R.

This battle is as old as human civilization itself, a class of titans between the old and the new. This struggle for dominance is of course, the battle between old people and change or more accurately, old people v.s. their natural enemy: technology.

As technology rapidly increases in the 21st century, many of our senior citizens feel left out in an ever-changing time. From the early 90's with the cassette tape to the present with fiber optic connections and Blue Ray players, the gap of understanding between the old and the new has widely increased.

The first and most devious enemy of the geriatric is no other than the average personal computer (PC). Generally old people will steer clear away from this like they do to rap music. Alas the PC proves to be an elusive object that mystifies, intrigues and induces fear.

The average elderly person will only know how to turn on the PC, other than that they are at a total loss. Like a high stakes bomb disposal specialist, they press every key with total surgical precision and care; God forbid should they press a wrong key the mother board will explode and release toxic chemicals. Even basic functions such as Microsoft Word Processor, Excel and Adobe Photoshop are treated as rocket science to the children of generations past.

Moreover, the PC is only one of several enemies that live in the nether realms of technology. Similar to the PC, the internet also provides a legion of confusion and utter failure for the old. The most commonly asked about site is Facebook, and for the younger generation the questions by their parents and grandparents about the functionality of it never ceases to stop.

Thus I present this solution for those unfortunate young people who may find themselves in that predicament. Remember when you were young and your parents lied to you about Santa Clause? All of those long hours toiling in the kitchen, baking cookies for the jolly old man, in the hopes of getting a BB gun? And then in the morning, inside the biggest box was NOT a pony, but rather a new shovel and your mom told you to go play with it outside? Well we are older now, and behold oh how the tables have turned! Yes mom, Facebook is awesome, it knows everything. It knows when you are sleeping, it knows when you're awake....it's the ultimate Doomsday Book.

Furthermore, should the elderly discover a way to operate these social networking sites, they will immediately be compelled to add their children onto their friend's list.
I don't care how old you are, having your parent doing the same thing as you, automatically makes it uncool. Having your mom or dad on your friend's list automatically makes you lose your "street cred." There is also a certain sense of awkwardness when your parent asks you to become their virtual friend and asks you for your screen name. There is absolutely no comfortable way of telling your mom that your screen name is *The_Italian_Stallion87*.

In relation to Facebook, another formidable opponent of the elderly is the information super highway (internet). The most commonly asked question, "where is the internet?" How would one even go about answering this question?

However, not all old people are the same. Stemming from the vast pool of the aged arise those few who possess an unnatural ability to understand technology. Like "day walkers" branching from "gingers" and non-mathematical Asians, these people are indeed a rare breed.

In conclusion the field of technology is rapidly growing and for some it seems like a quantum leap. From cassettes to Blue Ray, there have been many changes over the years.

In enlightening the conflicts between the old and the new and pointing out the humor, we become more aware and understanding of the situation.

It is said that laughter is the best medicine, and through humor we can reveal the struggles faced by the older generations. It is important to address this issue of generational difference and struggle because in the near future we will be the old ones, and our children and grandchildren will laugh at us for not knowing where to put a *Flux Capacitor*.

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Speaker Series Dates

Gender and the Iranian State
Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Scanlon Banquet Hall
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Gloria Steinem
Wednesday, March 31, 2010
Reception: 6:00 pm
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Woodward Center

Danny Glover
Friday April 2, 2010
Reception: 6:30 pm
Presentation: 8:00 pm

Tickets are $25 for the Q&A only
$50 for the reception and Q&A

Greg Mortenson
Thursday, April 29, 2010
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Location: Woodward Center

Tickets are free for faculty, staff and students, $35 for the general public, and $30 for Westfield State Alumni. Seating is limited.

Commencement speaker: Byron Pitts
CBS News Chief National Correspondent; 60 Minutes Contributer

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Albums
1. Ludacris - Battle of the Sexes
2. Gorillaz - Plastic Beach
3. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
4. Jimi Hendrix - Valleys of Neptune
5. Gary Allan - Get Off on the Pain
6. Sade - Soldier of Love
7. Broken Bells - Broken Bells
8. Lady Gaga - The Fame
9. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.
10. Blake Shelton - Hillbilly Bone (EP)

Top 10 Singles
1. Rihanna - Rude Boy
2. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
3. Taio Cruz feat. Ludacris - Break Your Heart
4. The Black Eyed Peas - Imma Be
5. B.o.B. feat. Bruno Mars - Nothin' On You
6. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
7. Young Money feat. Lloyd - BedRock
8. Ke$ha - TiK ToK
9. Lady Gaga feat. Beyonce - Telephone
10. Jason Derulo - In My Head

Top Movies
1. Alice in Wonderland
2. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
3. The Bounty Hunter
4. Repo Men
5. She's Out of My League

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Drake - Thank Me Later
2. Alan Jackson - Freight Train
3. Barenaked Ladies - All in Good Time
4. Redman - Reggie
5. John Butler Trio - April Uprising

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Dallas (S13)
2. The Lovely Bones
3. Hamlet (2009) (BBC)
4. Legion
5. Nine

Upcoming Video Games
1. Clash of the Titans
2. Huxley: The Dystopia
3. Dead to Rights: Retribution
4. Band of Brothers: Pacific
5. NieR Gestalt

Rock Band content:
1. X 4 pack: Blue Spark, The Hungry Wolf, I Must Not Think Bad Thoughts, Los Angeles
2. Little Fish - Am I Crazy ($.99)
3. Little Fish - Bang Bang ($.99)
4. Little Fish - Darling Dear ($.99)
5. Ace Frehley - Outer Space
6. Carrie Underwood - All-American Girl
7. OneRepublic - Stop & Stare

Guitar Hero 5 content
80's pack:
1. Motley Crue - Girls, Girls, Girls
2. The Go-Go's - We Got the Beat
3. Night Ranger - Sister Christian

Time Machine

A trip back through Music History

by Franny Zupancic
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"Off the Ropes"
WSKB 89.5 Wednesdays 10 p.m. - 12 a.m.

After randomly choosing the year of 1980 as my starting point for selecting an album to write about this week, I realized that to narrow the choice down could leave out some damn good selections.

I started to write my top five or so picks for the best albums released in 1980, but when I began thinking about *Back in Black*, I realized that there was no way it wasn't going to get a solo admission to the Time Machine.

AC/DC
Back in Black
July 25 1980

I'll start with the obvious, and get it out of the way. *Back in Black* is second to Michael Jackson's *Thriller* as the highest selling album of all-time, with over 22 million copies sold in the United States alone. Worldwide, the count is up to a staggering 49 million copies. That statistic alone is proof that the band had stumbled across a winning formula to say the least. If you haven't already heard it, you must have been living under a rock for the past twenty years or so.

The album was produced by Mutt Lange (who struck gold with AC/DC on three albums, and later continued his success with DefLeppard, Bryan Adams, and future wife Shania Twain) and you might remember hearing this in AC/DC's last Time Machine appearance for *Highway to Hell*.

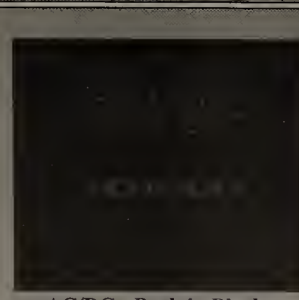
There isn't a bad song on this album, starting with the slow, driving, dark opener Hells Bells and closing with the Rock and Roll Ain't Noise Polution, an anthem that provides proper justification for blowing out your speakers while pushing socially acceptable decibel levels when playing the album.

Back in Black marked the debut of new lead singer Brian Johnson, who replaced the late Bon Scott, and the album served as a tribute to the fallen band mate and represented the band's 'keep on truckin' attitude after nearly making the decision to break up. After finding a more than worthy candidate to man Scott's mike, AC/DC was back with their most successful album ever.

Currently AC/DC is planning the upcoming release of AC/DC: Iron Man 2, a collection of hits and lesser-known tracks by the band, serving as the Jon Favreau film's soundtrack. This is the second time AC/DC has released such an album, as *Who Made Who* (1986) was released as the soundtrack for Stephen King's *Maximum Overdrive*.

According to Steve Barnett of Columbia Records, Favreau's vision was to blend AC/DC's music seamlessly into the film.

The album will include three tracks off *Back in Black* and one off of their 2008 Billboard 200 #1 album, *Black Ice*. Thunderstruck is being used as a secondary theme song for WWE's WrestleMania event this year, in promotion of the soundtrack.



AC/DC - Back in Black
July 25 1980

Murphys drop kick live cd/dvd to shelves, return to Boston

By Franny Zupancic
A&E Editor

On March 16, Dropkick Murphys released Live on Landsdowne, their second live album and first live DVD. The two discs were recorded during their annual St Patrick's Day weekend shows in 2009. The selections include recordings from all seven shows performed in six nights and the track listing is completely different from their 2002 live release, Live on St Patrick's Day From Boston, MA. The 2002 release was covered three days worth of shows at the Avalon Ballroom, which is now the "House of Blues," the same location still chosen for their annual celebratory shows.

Given that the track listings are completely different. I would recommend the 2002 release to older fans of the band, but newer fans might not recognize a lot of the songs. The new album includes performances of their more commonly known hits, like "The State of Massachusetts," "I'm Shipping Up to Boston," and "Tessie." Ironically, "Dirty Water" appears on the 2002 album, not the 2010 album. Both albums are excellent in their own right and to be fair they are two completely different 'beasts' representing two eras of the band.

The 2010 album includes a live DVD, which is a first for the band. I'm not a huge fan of the disc as I would rather see a completely unedited set rather than shots from seven shows compiled together under the dubbing of the live album. It takes away the true 'live' feeling, despite the dubbing being from a live album. However, I bought the two disc set just to see the final song on the DVD, "I'm Shipping Up to Boston." This Woody Guthrie-penned hit has been a real success, especially to Boston or Massachusetts natives, but the real reason to check this out is the appearance by special guests The Mighty Mighty Bosstones. Decked out in suits with green ties, the Boston native Bosstones join the band to perform their biggest song to close out the album and DVD.

Photo courtesy of BostonHerald.com

Dropkick Murphys' frontman Al Barr entertains a Boston crowd on St Patrick's Day.

Unfortunately, the Bosstones' set from earlier in the night is not included (another reason I purchased the set; wishful thinking) and "Shipping Up to Boston" is under three minutes long. In fact, the DVD's only extra is a performance of "Do or Die / Cadence to Arms." This is disappointing, but given that the set costs under $20, you still get your money's worth.

The set covers 2009's concerts and you might remember reading my article about those shows last year in The Voice. I saw the band again, on the day of their album release, and it was a great show as expected.

Having seen them four times already, I think by my fifth time I'd been a bit spoiled, as I wasn't as impressed as I used to be.

There were no big surprises (granted it wasn't ON the holiday, to be fair) and they didn't perform their usual Who cover of Baba O'Riley. However, to make reference to one of their songs, the gang was all there, including a few Irish step dancers, an accordionist, violinists, and cellists. Just like every year, female audience members were invited to the stage for "Kiss Me, I'm Shitfaced," and male audience members were invited for "Skinhead on the M.B.T.A."

While I may be getting harder to impress with seeing them so often, there's no denying that they put on one hell of a punk rock show and give every fan way more than their hard-earned money's worth after purchasing a ticket.

I hope they invite the Bosstones back next year, as they are another band that puts on a fantastic show worth every cent.

Look for Dropkick Murphys to come back around the same time next year for their annual shows, and the Bosstones will also be back in Boston right after Christmas for their own annual string of shows: "Holiday Hometown Throwdown."

Greetings from China: A student's experience

Hello WSC faculty, staff, and students!

My name is Mylinh Nguyen and I am currently studying abroad in Beijing, China on an exchange program. I have never been to China and truly believe that this opportunity is great for anyone who wants to try something new and immerse themselves in the Chinese culture.

I have met many students from all around the world such as Italy, France, Brazil, Russia, Japan, Korea, and the U.S. Cathy (Lun Dong) is a WSC exchange student from CNU who has been studying at WSC for a year. We have already met some of Lun Dong's friends at CNU who have graciously been helping us with courses and bringing us to places to explore around Beijing.

Recently, I have been taking English taught courses in the literature and foreign departments with other Chinese students. I am learning about British Literature, American Culture, and History of music.

I have learned to take the bus and subway to many places around Cbina. A couple of days ago I finally went to the Beijing Zoo and saw real pandas! They are so adorable and it was an amazing experience to see other animals like elephants, monkeys, foxes, and birds.

Next month, CNU is hosting a trip to the Great Wall of China. That will be an unforgettable experience as well. I have recently talked to WSC student Robert McGinnity who is studying abroad at United International College in Zhuhai, China. He is planning a trip to Beijing and we will be sightseeing many historical places together along with WSC student Donna D. and his other friends at UIC.

As of now, I can say that China is very different from the U.S. There are many vendors outside selling many types of delicious foods on skewers to fry for you, and sandwiches and noodles to buy off the street easily. Food and clothing is very cheap to buy in China because of the currency difference. China is very affordable for any student who wants to study abroad but have concerns about financial issues.

During my stay in China, I learned to appreciate the little things the U.S. offers to people such as clean water, clean air, worker rights, and traffic enforcement. But, there are also things in China that I appreciate such as the preservation of historical landmarks including the Forbidden City, The Great Wall of China, Summer Palace, Tiananmen Square, and many more.

The China exchange program WSC has offered is such a great chance for a college student to learn from the eastern culture and create long-term relationships with other students around the world. Overall, I am having a great time and hope more students will seek this opportunity in the future!

Mylinh Nguyen

Catching up with WSC students abroad

By Kathryne Lentini
Voice Reporter

Spring break is over and it's back to work. Did you do anything over break? Did you go anywhere interesting? If you didn't don't worry, because neither did I. I did, however, get to talk to several students who are currently studying in many different places; places you can still go to!

Mylinh Nguyen, a junior who is currently studying in China, was able to share some of the experiences she has had thus far.

"I chose to study abroad because I wanted to experience a new culture and because I always hear from other people that it's a great experience and they never want to come back. I chose 'China' because it was a new exchange program offered at WSC and I thought financially it was a good choice for me," Nguyen said. So why study somewhere else? Why study in China?

"You will never be bored! It's an opportunity to grow and open up your mind to new things. You start to change the way you perceive things and appreciate what you have," explained Nguyen.

David Miller, also a junior, said, "I wanted to study abroad because I have lived in western Mass all my life and I wanted to experience a new way of life. I also am a junior so I wanted to get off campus for a change and try something new. It also gets you out of your comfort zone and exposes you to the real world." Miller is studying in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Many students may not see themselves sitting in class in Ireland, Spain, China, or any of the many other locations offered. It may seem like too much of a change or a financial burden.

But studying in a different culture allows you to meet new people, see new exciting things, and learn things about yourself you never imagined.

Also, in a tougher job market, the experience you gain as a person abroad could set you aside from other applicants in a good way!

"If you can go out of your comfort zone a lot of employers like that and it's a great thing to put on your resume that you have traveled abroad" Miller shared.

As a graduating senior I know it is my biggest regret, not only as someone entering the job market but as a young adult.

Getting educated academically and culturally is a lot different than vacationing somewhere.

Not to mention the scholarships and financial aid that is available for students interested in the programs!

If you want to learn more about the many options offered to students for studying abroad you can stop by the International Programs Office in Parenzo, contact director Cynthia Siegler, or visit the website at www.wsc.ma.edu/educationabroad.com

You can also find more information & students' stories on facebook by becoming a fan of "International Programs at Westfield State College."

Cultural Comparisons: China and America

Ni Hao Westfield,

This is Robert McGinnity reporting to you live from United International College. Rather than tell you about my first week, as I said in my last article, I feel as though you, the reader, would get more out of an easy to read cultural comparison. I have comprised a list of ten things I have noticed that are different between UIC and WSC.

Chop Sticks vs. Forks

As many of you have grown up you have been taught to eat with a fork. I was also one of those kids, up until about 2 weeks ago. I went out to a Japanese restraint with my friend a few days before I left for China and I could barely hold chopsticks. She thought I was going to die of hunger.

However, that has not been the case and I have adjusted nicely to using them. But being the westerner that I am, I have noticed that some foods are just easier to eat with each respected utensil.

For example, spaghetti is much easier to eat with a fork or, for some of your out there, a fork and knife. Trying to eat spaghetti with chopsticks isn't impossible; it is just more efficient with a fork. The simple fact is that the fork encompasses the twirl where as the chopsticks fall short.

On the other hand I feel that is easier to pick piece a piece of food and eat it with chopsticks as oppose to a fork. Cbopsticks act as extended fingers so that can pick up pieces of food instead of stabbing it.

Satchels vs. Backpacks

As long as I have grown up in America I have never wore anything but a backpack. The only reason I even know what a satchel is, is because of the movie "The Hangover," but before then I had no clue. Everyone wore backpacks to school and that's the way it was.

In China, I have seen an abundant amount of satchels being worn to and from classes. They are what most students on the UIC campus use as a means to transport their books or belongings. I feel like this style flows into the foreign European style that some Chinese folk have acclimated into their wardrobe.

I see the occasional backpack here and there on this campus but that is like seeing the occasional satchel at Westfield State College.

Chinese Food vs. Western Food

Before coming to China I was told that "the Chinese food is nothing like the Chinese food we have here" and boy were they right. Chinese food involved a lot of flavors, foods, and sauces I have never given my taste buds the opportunity to try.

There are many places that have ducks, chickens, and pigs hanging lifeless still resembling their former self. They also have restaurants where you go and pick your own live fish or crustaceans that they cook up for you.

With Chinese cuisine there are categories that are usually picked. Do you want vegetables, pork, chicken, beef, or fish? Do you like spicy food is also another important question. Going to eat with a Chinese person is very helpful in order to pick out something you think you might like.

The fish has little bones in it most of the time. That has been a big turn off for me while I have been here. I can't deal with little bones while I eat; I almost choked twice.

Most Chinese dishes are made up of vegetables, noodles, rice, and meat. The combination is up to you. They use a lot of peppers, potatoes, tomatoes, and onions. Rice is a huge staple and it is usually served every time you sit for a meal.

Most dishes are pretty healthy for you. There is also the food we are used to eating over here as well, which is called "Westem" food. There is a place not too far away from UIC that sells many different types of pizza. One pizza I have never heard of that they have is "banana pizza." There are a few pizza places around and most just aren't the same as back home. Mr. Pizza is the only one I have had that has come close.

Burgers aren't in China and you will be hard pressed to find a good one. I had one at "The old Chinese Junk," a place owned by a British man named Mike and the burger there was not like a hamburger you get in Mass at all. Other western food offered is French fries, tuna melts, and spaghetti. The spaghetti sauce didn't taste like normal tomato sauce that I'm used to having at home. It was like a sweet barbeque sauce or something.

MacDonald's is huge in China. I went to one in Hong Kong as well as in Zhuhai. They are packed full of people and they are pretty cheap. It is still not the greatest quality of food but when you want something that reminds you of home, McDonalds hits the spot - as bad as that sounds. They are open 24/7 so you can go there whenever your heart desires.

Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay

Good day, children; welcome back. I hope your breaks were all as fun and eventful as mine was. I can only hope you remember yours a bit better than I can recall mine. The one thing this week following the break has revealed to me is just how much I can't wait to be done with school. Seniors, its coming; less than 60 days until commencement!

Speaking of things coming to an end, how about Kansas' run at a NCAA Championship? Lets hear it for Northern Iowa. Honestly, the best part about tourney time is the upsets. In my opinion, few things are more boring seeing all the #1 seeds end up in the final four. I'm glad my bracket got busted. Originally, I had Nova, Cuse, Kentucky and Kansas in the final four and now, only Syracuse and Kentucky are left. Not that that's a bad thing, since I'd really love to see Syracuse win it all. That being said, it is still Kentucky's tournament to lose.

By the time this issue of the Voice comes out, we will be well into the Sweet 16 action but by no means will that keep me for making predictions that may be out-dated by then. Keep in mind, folks, I did call the St. Mary's upset of Villanova (not on my bracket of course. I was too stupid to go with my gut, just like when I didn't put stacks of cash on the Giants in Patriots Super Bowl) and 12 Cornell taking down 5 Temple, so this could just become written testament to my superior guessing ability.

In the Midwest region, I'm taking 9 Northern Iowa over 5 Michigan St. and 2 Ohio St over 6 Tennessee. In the west, give me 1 Syracuse over 5 Butler and 2 Kansas St. over 6 Xavier. In the South, I want 1 Duke over 4 Purdue and, I'm going to go out on a limb and take 10 St. Mary's over 3 Baylor. I really think St. Mary's is legit and indeed, no fluke. In the East, I want 1 Kentucky over 12 Cornell and 2 West Virginia over 11 Washington though; I could see Washington take down the 2 seed. They just beat 3 New Mexico and 6 Marquette in the first two rounds. Washington and St. Mary's could both find their way into the Elite 8 and surprise a lot of people.

My pick for biggest surprise will be St. Mary's. If they can get past Baylor (and why not? The beat Villanova, the two see that probably should've been the fourth #1 seed and a solid 7 Richmond team.) then I don't see why they couldn't beat Duke. The run would be miraculous, yet, but with all due respect to Hans Gruber, this is the season for miracles, right?

And now, shifting gears to my favorite pastime, who else is excited for the Masters in two weeks? I'm more excited this year than ever, not only for Tiger's return but also for the incredible drama the tournament has produced in the past few years. Going into the event all the talk is going to be on Tiger and that's ok because my pick to win loves being in the shadows of the big names. I really think this is Geoff Ogilvy's year to slip into the Green Jacket. Ogilvy has been close before and seems to enjoy flying under the radar. If not Ogilvy, look out for Ryan Moore and Camillo Villegas. Both of them have been smoking hot out of the gate this year and it may be their turn.

As far as the Tiger thing goes, I don't think I can quote-unquote "forgive" him for cheating on his wife. Not that its my place to do so, but I do believe personally that the deepest depths of hell are reserved for cheaters, politicians and those who work for credit card companies and insurance agencies. I hope they cheer for him because otherwise, it'll be awkward. In the realm of things, what he did wasn't a crime. He will not be punished in a court of law, he didn't kill or maim anyone and was not freebasing cocaine off of any of his concubine. His transgressions only matter and were only exposed due to his fame. It would be strange to say the least to see Tiger hole out from 170 yards with a pitching wedge and hear silence. The man is the best there has ever been and will ever be in his particular profession and his personal life shouldn't come into play between the ropes. Think what you want of him as a person; but you absolutely have to respect him as a professional.

Speaking of the best there has ever been or will be, it's getting high time that Jimmie Johnson falls into that category. The 4-time defending champion won this past week at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tennessee, moving him into a tie for 10th on the all-time NASCAR wins list with 50. It was also Johnson's first win at Bristol and his 3 in 5 races this season. Johnson sits 48 points out of first in the standings but with Martinsville on the horizon, he won't be there for long. We have all been lucky enough to grow up in an era that gets to watch LeBron James, Tiger Woods, Albert Pujols in their prime and catch the end of the Jordan era; Its time for Jimmie Johnson to be included in that group.

That's it for this week. Next week, look for a tournament recap and championship prediction, as well as predictions and an analysis of the upcoming Major League Baseball campaign.

Until next time and as always, keep your head on a swivel and watch the beverage, man.

Lack of goals or lack of heart? The story of the Bruins 2010 season

By Matt Amaral
Voice Reporter

When you watch the Boston Bruins this year, you have undoubtedly seen a very different team from that of last year. The team that ranked second in goals, assists, points, and second in plus minus and save percentage in the NHL is currently ranked dead last in goals, assists, points, ranked seventeenth in the league in plus minus, and has the third best save percentage in the NHL. Although the goal tending is still there what has been wrong with the 2009-10 Bruins?

For one the B's lost 2 of their 6 twenty goal scorers from a year ago. Add in the fact that Marc Savard has been plagued with injuries nearly all year, including a March 7 concussion that will put him out of commission until at least next year and you've got a team that lost nearly half of its production.

The Bruins also found themselves starting the year without two of their biggest locker room leaders this season in P.J. Axelsson, (playing in his home country of Sweden this year) and Aaron Ward (part of an off season trade sending him to Carolina).

The Bruins goal tending is the only thing that has kept them in playoff contention. At time of press the Bruins currently hold the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. However, by the time you read this they could be out of that spot.

The B's have been led between the pipes by 23-year-old Tukka Rask, who has taken the starting job from last year's Vezina Trophy winner Tim Thomas. However, despite Rask's stellar performance in net all year (a 2.08 Goals Against Average, and a 9.30 Save Percentage) his record is 17-10-4 on the year. This is due to the lack of offense that Boston has been able to sustain all season long.

As for as the locker room presence that has been seen since the cheap hit placed on Marc Savard against the Pittsburg Penguins on March 7. Penguins wing man Matt Cooke hit Savard in an elbow to shoulder hit, which left Savard lying unconscious on the ice for several minutes.

Savard was eventually wheeled off the ice on a stretcher, and diagnosed with a grade 2 concussion. Cooke was not assessed a penalty on the ice, and upon review by the league was not given a suspension either.

Matt Cooke got off very easy by the on ice officials, as well as the NHL's disciplinarian board, (especially considering he is a repeat offender,) but the biggest shock came by how well he ended up getting off with the Boston Bruins.

Firstly the Bruins didn't go after Cooke when the hit occurred in the third period on March 7. Boston instead looked around on the ice, while arguably their best player lay motionless on the ice instead of retaliating. The Bruins then hosted the Penguins just eleven days later and failed to give any retribution. It took just 6 seconds into Cooke's first shift of the night for him to drop the gloves with B's winger Shawn Thornton but after losing this fight the right was quiet from him, as well as the rest of the Bruins team.

The Bruins ended up losing the game 3-0, and failed to make any type of statement on the ice. The B's played flat from the second period on, and on a night where they could have sent a statement to the Penguins and the rest of the NHL that they won't go down with a fight when one of their men goes down.

Instead the Bruins showed that without the locker room presence of Axelsson and Ward the Bruins are just an average team, playing average hockey, and that last years 270 goals, and Eastern Conference leading 116 points was nothing more than a fluke.

Westfield State sports roundup: Spring break sports in Florida

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

While most students were at home relaxing during spring break week, Westfield State College's baseball and softball teams were busy playing a weeks worth of games down in Florida. The baseball team finished their Florida trip with a 7-3 record while the softball team finished the trip at 5-4.

The trip for WSC's baseball team included double-header sweeps of Plymouth State College and Suffolk University.

The team also defeated William Paterson (N.J.) by a score of 14-8 and Endicott College 12-2.

Sophomore pitcher Aaron Messier picked up two wins for the Owls in Florida and allowed just two earned runs while striking out 10 over 11 innings.

Senior Jeff Fields led Westfield with 17 hits during the trip and ended with an impressive batting average of .531 and nine RBIs.

Sophomore Matt Kelly collected 16 hits for the Owls during the trip and junior Jeff Ackerman added 11 hits and nine RBIs, including a homerun.

Senior Ben Wagner made history during the trip when he collected his 153rd career base hit and became WSC baseball's all time hits leader, breaking a 30 year old record.

Westfield's baseball team will play a home game against Castleton State on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

The trip for WSC's softball team included an 8-0 win over Bowdoin College, a 12-5 victory against Fairleigh Dickinson-Florham (N.J.) and an exciting 9-8 win over Concordia University (WI).

Sophomore pitcher Madeline Tomich started five games for the Owls in Florida, finishing with a 3-0 record, a 3.67 ERA and 37 strikeouts in 27 innings pitched. Freshman pitcher Courtney Begin also picked up two wins for Westfield.

Senior captain Kim Brennan led the Owls with 15 hits during the Florida trip, finishing with a .455 batting average, 13 RBIs and one homerun.

Sophomore Kerin DeGirolamo, junior Alicia Gardner and sophomore Brianna Isaacs each finished the trip with 11 hits.

The softball team will go on the road to play a doubleheader against Western Connecticut next Tuesday.

WSC's women's lacrosse team has started the season 3-1, including a 22-12 over Mount Saint Mary College last Monday.

Sophomore Jen Lyon led Westfield with four goals in the victory while junior captain Rachel Dionne added three goals and two assists. Sophomore Carly Keeley also chipped in three goals and one assist in the win.

The Owls will face Bridgewater State on the road next Tuesday.

Westfield's men's and women's spring track and field teams will compete in their first meet of the season this Saturday, March 27, when WSC hosts the Jerry Gravel Classic at 11:00 a.m.

Check back next week to see how all of Westfield's spring sports teams faired in their games.

Looking forward to the Patriot's off-season

By Matt LaPan
Voice Reporter

Earlier this week, the NFL Scouting Combine wrapped up in Indianapolis. This year's combine was one that many had not seen in years. Fast 40 times all across the board, huge numbers in the bench press, and top-flight players working out for scouts. With all of that behind us however, let's take a look into the next month and a half for the Patriots.

With free agency starting recently, one should expect to see a good amount of moves by the Patriots this off-season. The first move that is expected is to say good-bye to Adalius Thomas. The Patriots are not expected to bring back the once highly touted line backer due to his constant under performance, and his lack of effort displayed both on and off the field.

This leaves an already undermanned line backing corps with one less, so what will the Patriots do to fill the void?

According to Patriots.com, the list of linebackers that coach Bill Belichick is eyeing is a very short list. First, Tully Banta-Cain. Coming off a ten-sack season for the Patriots, Banta-Cain is anxious to re-sign with the team. Sources say he more than likely will and it will not cost the Patriots too much money.

Looking further down Belichick's list some bigger names emerge, names like Shawne Merriman and Aaron Kampman. Both players are coming off seasons where knee injuries limited their ability, but both seem like good fits in the Patriots 3-4 system as Merriman is a high motor player and Kampman played under Kirk Ference at the University of Iowa, a well known Belichick taught man.

The Patriots also are looking to sure up the defensive line. First priority for the Patriots is to reach a long-term deal with Vince Wilfork. Some might wonder why the Patriots are worrying about this after putting the franchise tag on Wilfork early last month. Wilfork has come out publicly and said that the franchise tag is a "slap in the face" to him, and with Wilfork having emerged as one of the best nose tackles in the NFL, the Patriots want to lock him up.

The only other big name that the Patriots are pursuing on the defensive line is the biggest name out there, Julius Peppers. Peppers will be a free agent as of midnight March 23rd and is considered this year's free agent "big catch".

Peppers has stated how much he would like to play as a pass rusher in a 3-4 system and has proven that he is a top flight pass rusher in the past. However money may be an issue in courting Peppers.

Now outside of the free agency period, the Patriots have a great opportunity to make a splash in this year's draft. The Patriots have four draft picks in the first two rounds, including the number 22 pick in the first round. With that 22nd pick, most Patriot insiders have reported that Michigan defensive end Brandon Graham is atop the list of potential draftees.

The 6' 2" 270 pound defensive end has a great motor and looks to have a very polished pass rush repertoire. His size, strength, and speed make him an ideal pass rushing outside line backer in a 3-4 system.

If Graham is gone by the 22nd pick, the Patriots have a back-up plan. Jerry Hughes, an outside linebacker out of TCU, had a combine that made him stand out. According to many scouts, Hughes moved his stock up so far that he now could go in the late first, or early second round.

One person who the Patriots are sure to not overlook is a young man who made himself stand out after a mediocre season. That man is Taylor Mays out of USC.

The 6' 4" 230 pound safety has played his whole college career under former Patriot coach Pete Carroll so he has been coached up in a pro-style system. Also Mays is considered by many to be a physical freak.

After running an unofficial 4.24 40 yard dash recently the line backer sized safety has reestablished himself as one of the top defensive backs in this year's draft. With the struggles of the Patriots defensive backfield this season it would be hard to over look Mays. Look to see Mays get a stronger look if the Patriots make a big free agent signing.

Outside of that, the Patriots still have many options. With three second round picks the options are almost endless. If the Patriots stay put, look for them to draft a big name running back like Cal's Javbis. Best and possible defensive backs like Alabama's Kareem Jackson, who had a great combine.

If the Patriots decide to possibly make a move, look for them to trade up to try and get a top flight running back like a CJ Spiller out of Clemson, or a Ryan Mattbews out of Fresno St.

Whatever the Patriots decide to do, one thing can be guaranteed: this off-season is going to be full of moves around the NFL. Whether or not the Patriots decide to make one will be found out soon.

First week of March Madness causes bracket upsets

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Photo courtesy of i.ehow.com

This year's tournament has been filld with upsets and suprises.

Don't feel too bad if you're bracket is busted, you're not alone. The first two rounds of the 2010 NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament, more commonly known as "March Madness," began last Thursday afternoon and ended Sunday night. The weekend was full of wild buzzer-beaters, crazy upsets and a few dominating performances.

The college basketball world said goodbye to number one overall seed Kansas, who fell in the second round to ninth seeded Northern Iowa.

Big East powerhouses Georgetown and Villanova also fell victim to early round upsets; Georgetown lost in the first round against fourteenth seeded Ohio and Villanova lost in the second round to tenth seeded St. Mary's College.

When Sunday night came and the dust finally settled, four teams seeded ninth or higher had made it into the "Sweet Sixteen," the third round of the NCAA tournament that takes place this Thursday and Friday.

And since Americans love upsets and underdogs, there are a few teams vying to be America's new "darling" team, something that eleventh seeded George Mason accomplished on its improbable run to the Final Four in 2006.

The three teams most likely to take home the honor this year are twelfth seeded Cornell, tenth seeded St. Mary's and ninth seeded Northern Iowa.

Ivy League team Cornell has shown that it's more than just a nice story, taking down fifth seeded Temple and fourth seeded Wisconsin in dominating fashion to make it to the Sweet Sixteen.

Led by all-time leading scorer Ryan Wittman, Cornell has a veteran team that can shoot from the outside and score on the inside. They have tremendous basketball knowledge and know how to play fundamental basketball, making them one of the most fun tournament teams to watch. Cornell faces number one seed Kentucky Thursday night.

Northern Iowa shocked the basketball world when they upset Kansas, the number one overall team in the tournament, last Saturday night.

UNI is led by senior star Ali Farokhmanesh, who hit a gutsy three-pointer in the waning seconds of Saturday's game to lead Northern Iowa to the upset over Kansas. UNI faces fifth seeded Michigan State, who won on a buzzer beater against Maryland, on Friday night.

St. Mary's upset Villanova last Saturday afternoon to earn a berth in the Sweet Sixteen. St. Mary's is led by star center Omar Samhan, who averaged 30.5 points and 9.5 rebounds in St. Mary's first two games. St. Mary's faces third seeded Baylor Friday night.

Washington, an eleven seed, also made it into the Sweet Sixteen by upsetting Marquette and New Mexico. The Huskies face second seeded West Virginia Thursday night.

Sixth seeded Xavier upset number three seed Pittsburgh last Sunday to make it into its third straight Sweet Sixteen. Xavier will face number two seed Kansas State on Thursday night.

Syracuse and Duke will join Kentucky as the remaining number one seeds to make it into the Sweet Sixteen. Syracuse dominated its first two games over Vermont and Gonzaga, but will have a tougher go of it when it faces fifth seeded Butler on Thursday night.

With Kansas no longer in the tournament, Syracuse has become a favorite to make it to the National Championship game and will see those chances increase if starting center Arinze Onuaku is healthy enough to play this weekend.

Duke easily won its first two games of the tournament and will now face fourth seeded Purdue, who scraped out an overtime win over Texas A&M last Sunday, on Friday night.

Second seeded Ohio State and sixth seeded Tennessee will also play on Friday night. When the brackets and matchups were announced, most people believed it would be Ohio State and Georgetown facing off in the Sweet Sixteen, but Georgetown was wiped off the court in an embarrassing first round upset against fourteenth seeded University of Ohio.

The first two rounds of March Madness contained more upsets, buzzer beaters, overtimes and nail-biting games than the past few years combined. There will be a total of twelve games played this weekend and there will be only four teams remaining when Sunday night comes.

Could Cornell, UNI or St. Mary's do what George Mason did four years go and make an improbable run to the Final Four?

College basketball fans will have a lot of fun over the next four days finding out the answer to that question.

There will be plenty of great games over the next few days and more upsets, buzzer beaters and nail biters are surely in store.

So sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You'll probably be pretty busy this week, and it's likely that you'll be visiting with others or that they'll be dropping in on you. You might not really have the time for too much socializing though since you'll probably have plenty of other things on your mind right now.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You should be aware that loaning money to people might not be a great idea right now. If you have to, just make sure that everything is clearly understood. You might want to give some thought to taking a little break and getting away from everything over the coming days.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You could find that you'll be feeling a little moody or sensitive at times, but try not to spend too much time dwelling on any difficult personal issues right now. Just be aware that this could turn out to be a very rewarding time for you.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You could find yourself doing a lot of work behind the scenes. Just don't expect that everything will end up going the way you'd like right now. Some unexpected developments are bound to pop up and create a little confusion for you.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Even if things might be starting to look up for you right now, you may still be feeling a little uncertain about the future. Just try to remain focused on your most important goals and everything should fall in to place.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You should have a chance to straighten a few things out and make some fresh starts before the week is through. Your social skills could be called upon today as well, and you'll undoubtedly want to spend plenty of time involved with your friends right now.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
Your mind should be very busy and active right now, and you might find yourself craving a little excitement at the moment. Just try to relax and find some simple ways of having a good time right now. You probably wouldn't mind being able to escape on some kind of interesting little adventure.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Most of your endeavors should be well favored at this time. Your personal charisma could really be on the rise as well. Your positive attitude should enable you to have a lot of fun and many promising new opportunities could be headed your way.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
Partnership issues could really be in the spotlight for you, and you could be getting a fresh chance to make some real improvements where your most important relationships are concerned. You should be quite tuned in to the needs of others right now.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Don't be surprised if there are plenty of different responsibilities for you to have to deal with right now. But you'll probably be better off if you try not to rely on others to provide you with too much help or assistance for the time being.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
A few issues you may have been feeling anxious about should be starting to ease up this week. Even though things should be improving a bit, you might still be feeling a little worried about some romantic matters though.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
There could be quite a few issues for you to have to deal with on the home front today. This should also be a time of enhanced creativity and inspiration for you, and you really ought to be ready to try something new right now.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Lemon Squares

1 (18.25 ounce) package lemon cake mix with pudding
1 egg
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 8 ounce package cream cheese
1/3 cup white sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Steps

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Pour cake mix into a large bowl.

Add the egg and oil; mix until well blended.

(Reserve one cup for the topping) Pat the rest into an ungreased 9x13 inch pan.

Bake for 15 minutes. (Set aside to cool.)

In a medium bowl, beat the cream cheese with the sugar and lemon juice until smooth.

Spread the mixture evenly over the baked crust.
Crumble the reserved cake mix mixture over the top.

Bake for an additional 15 minutes

Cool and cut into bars

ENJOY!!!!

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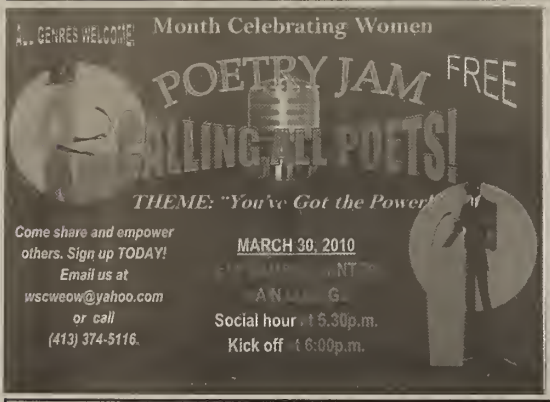

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Edge Hill University rep to visit Westfield State

By Kathryne Lentini
Voice Reporter

Jason Keeling of Edge Hill University Located in Ormskirk near Liverpool, UK will be visiting campus next Thursday, April 8.

Keeling will be available to speak directly to students in the Parenzo Board Room from 3 to 5 p.m. to answer any questions and share information about the many programs offered at the university.

Edge Hill University is a very popular choice for many WSC students who study abroad.

With no foreign language barrier, it is a less daunting alternative to other locations offered through the program.

Edge Hill also offers a chance to meet many of the 23,000 current students who are from all over the world including India and many others.

Since it opened 120 years ago, the university has gained a spot on the "Top Ten University" list for several reasons, including financial aid to students, personal growth, and best value according to the institution's website.

They have gained so much recognition globally that they even distribute an international newsletter.

The April 8 visit is open to anyone so stop by and bring a friend!

If you are interested in learning more about Edge Hill, you can visit their website at www.edgehill.ac.uk or drop by the International Programs Office in Parenzo to speak to director Cynthia Siegler.

To get more information about Westfield State College's Study Abroad Program, visit the International Office in Parenzo Hall, room 130, located outside the lobby or contact Cynthia Siegler, EXT. 8545.

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The Haiti Benefit

The Haiti benefit at Westfield State College was held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 and raised over $700 in proceeds toward Haitian disastor relief. See Page **** for a feature regarding the event.

Spring over to Stanley Park

Photo courtesy of panoramio.com

Stanley Park is a great place to spend sunny afternoons and it located just a short distance from the college.

By Caitlin Power
Voice Reporter

We have had our handful of rainy and sunny days on campus these past few weeks.

When there are rainy days, the rain does not stop for hours and the campus becomes engulfed by huge ponds of rain-water.

Girls leave their room in rain boots and jackets while boys run to class in big hooded sweatshirts.

Springtime always seems to bring rainy weather.

To take advantage of the nice days, there are so many places to go and things to do.

Those without cars may think they're stuck in their rooms with nothing to do. That is far from true.

Luckily we have a green campus with space for pick up football games or outdoor basketball by Davis Hall.

If the grass is dry, you can do your homework outside or read a book.

There are plenty of picnic tables near New Hall and an outdoor sitting area at Dunkin' Donuts.

There, you can catch up with a friend, listen to your iPod, or just simply enjoy the weather.

If you're looking for something to pass the day, Stanley Park is a great choice.

On nice days families drive down there, some with Frisbees, some with their pets, and spend the whole day relaxing.

The park is quite large which makes multiple activities possible.

On a nice afternoon grab some of your friends and start up a wiffle ball tournament right there on the field.

What I never knew about Stanley Park is that there is an additional area behind the green grass and parking lot.

When I took my first trip to Stanley Park just a few weeks ago, I walked down a pair of colored rock stairs and saw a large pond with swans and a bridge surrounded by trees.

The swans were absolutely beautiful and the small ducks were quacking and walking around.

Every so often a dog would walk by with their owner and the mother duck would start quacking and flapping her wings to protect her children.

My short time at that pond was an amazing experience; one that I would

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An Evening with Danny Glover
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Saturday, April 3
MOVIE: *Brothers*
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Sophomore: 4/12-4/15
Register: Friday, 4/16

First-years: 4/12-4/15
Register: Friday, 4/16

Remember to check pin before registering for classes!

Germany's renewable energy

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

A little while back I wrote about France's nuclear energy and how it is used to power 80% of their electricity. I received an email from Michael Vorwerk a few weeks back that he sent from the Harz Mountains in Northern Germany where his in-laws live (he's on sabbatical this semester). He provided numerous examples of the country's eco-conscious behavior: they have roughly 22,000 windmills that generate 6.3% of electricity.

Major cities have color coded signs that indicate the emissions rate of each vehicle (if you release too much you're not allowed to drive through), manufacturers are required to report the CO2 emissions of any car they sell, and on electric bills they include a report of how many CO2 emissions and radioactive waste your electricity causes.

Germany is on track to become the world's first renewable energy economy, which means that *all* energy comes from renewable resources.

They may be 100% renewable by 2050 and hope to add 800,000 to 900,000 cleantech jobs as early as 2030. The German Renewable Energy Policy has encouraged the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and acceleration of wind, biomass, and solar technologies.

Since the Renewable Energy Supply Act was put into effect in 1990, overall CO2 emissions have declined around 20%, and there was an 8.4% decrease in greenhouse gases in 2009 alone.

They also have begun a nuclear phase-out that would get rid of all nuclear facilities (nuclear power currently produces 13% of primary energy supply) by 2020 in favor of hydropower and solar energy, which are becoming more popular and increasingly more feasible.

Solar power accounts for very little of Germany's energy output right now, but photovoltaics are expected to become commercially practicable by 2015 and put to use; solar thermal plants in the deserts of North Africa will provide the energy and be imported via Italy.

The Baltic 1 Offshore wind farm is set for construction this year and will be comprised of 21 wind turbines that will power the 48.3 megawatt farm, located about 16 kilometers north of the Darss-Zingst Peninsula. Biomass is also becoming ever popular and has surpassed hydropower as a source of electricity – new technologies and innovations are expected to make biomass flourish.

A biogas electricity plant has been developed that uses only compost and waste and produces over 30% more biogas in the third of the time it takes other plants.

Photo courtesy of towannews.com
Germany has around 22,000 windmills to generate electricity.

The fermentation period has been cut down from 80 days to 30 days due to a new procedure for breaking down cellulose molecules (the structural component in the cell wall of green plants) in compost; the plant's total conversion rate is 85% and a 2 megawatt site is planned for development.

The effect on jobs has been substantial. Jobs directly related to renewable energy grew to 50,000 in 1998 and 120,000 by 2002 – almost half of these related to wind power.

The air is becoming cleaner throughout the country, they are paving the way for renewable energy industry, *and* have created jobs along the way. Germany has come very far in the last twenty years and has shuttled to the top as far as eco-centric behavior is concerned, thanks to a good marriage between environmental and government policy.

If America is looking for a role model Germany is the best out there.

There's a great Time article written a couple years ago about Germany's environmental policies. Check it out for more information: http://www.time.com/time/specials/2007/article/0,28804,1730759_1734222_1734213,00.html

And thanks to Mike for the updates!

Making a difference: Westfield Students gather to help out Haiti

By Teresa Dollfuss
Voice Reporter

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." – William James

Brittany Suslak's day started out like any other. She went to work on January 12, 2010 not knowing that she would hear of an earthquake in Haiti. Suslak also didn't know she would learn online that a former classmate of hers was now missing in Haiti. "I realized that she was from Rutland and that I had gone to school with her," said Suslak, of Paxton, MA. "As soon as I found out I told my mom about it." Her name was Britney Gengel.

"Everyday, probably more than twice a day I would check online to see if they had found her or any of the people she was with yet, and at one point they had told her parents that they found her alive," said Suslak. "Her parents soon found out that wasn't true."

Gengel, a student at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida, and originally from Rutland, Mass., went to Wachusett Regional High School in Holden, Mass. with Suslak. The two were two years apart, Gengel a sophomore when Suslak was a senior. Gengel was on a Journey of Hope service trip in Haiti when the ground shook that fateful day in January.

Journey of Hope began in 2008 with a trip to Haiti, and the program helps Lynn University students help others through feeding the poor, aiding the sick and comforting the hurting. From this, the Students for the Poor Club was created, along with subsequent missions to different countries.

Gengel, along with three other students and two faculty members, lost her life in the January 12 earthquake. She was found in the rubble of the Hotel Montana in Port-au-Prince a month and two days later, on February 14.

Britney Gengel wanted to help the poorest of the poor in Haiti, and now her family is continuing her mission by starting Britney Gengel's Poorest of the Poor Fund. Donations to the fund will go to the poor in Haiti, as well as in the United States.

"Although I didn't know Britney personally, I felt an obligation to do what I could in order to help," said Suslak. "She had many friends, was loved by many many people, and had an amazing heart."

With Gengel as her primary inspiration, Suslak began thinking of ways to help the people of Haiti, when the idea of a benefit show came to her.

"I pitched the idea to our class council (Class of 2010) and they thought it was a great idea," said Suslak, vice president of the senior class at Westfield State. "I then asked the other classes to help us out with the effort, and the Classes of 2012 and 2013 agreed. We are all very excited to raise money for the people of Haiti."

Suslak, a 21-year-old senior and Business major with brown curly hair, is involved in other groups on campus, such as Alcohol Choices Education (ACE), Substance Education Budget Committee, and secretary for the Student Conduct Board, along with being vice president of the Class of 2010.

"For me, the Benefit Show is in memory of not just her [Britney Gengel], but all of

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People often define being a liberal or conservative differently than someone else.

The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Political ideologies can be very difficult to understand or comprehend.

One person's definition of "liberal" may be different from another person's definition.

As the relevant issues in politics change in the United States, the ideologies must change with it.

For example, people are no longer debating whether or not women should have the vote in the United States and the debate about same-sex marriage was not a question in the 1800s like it is today.

There are many issues today, like gay marriage, which liberals and conservatives are constantly battling over.

Some of these include business, abortion, gun control, the size of government, and as most of you know, health care.

These are just some of the issues but there are numerous other issues that have conservative and liberal positions.

Liberals tend to advocate for freedom of the press and speech, equal rights for all, stricter gun control, they are more pro-choice, and they are in favor of government spending on social programs and services.

So what does it really mean to be a "liberal"?

Being a liberal to me means being an advocate for equal rights for all, for the guarantee of civil liberties, and emphasizing the importance of the welfare state.

I also support a liberal view on many different issues and in that way, I also identify as a liberal.

I support the pro-choice argument because I believe that women should be allowed the liberty and the right to make a choice about their bodies.

I believe that gay marriage should be legal everywhere because it supports the ideal of equal rights for all.

Also, I am in favor of more government spending on social and domestic programs that will benefit the people of this country.

There may be different definitions of what a "conservative" or a "liberal" is, but it is truly up to each person to decide just exactly how they think, react to, and support different issues.

Not all liberals advocate for or vote the same way on the same issues. Similarly, not all conservatives have the same views on key issues or in debates.

Political ideologies fit into a spectrum and a person does not have to be identified as a "liberal" or a "conservative" or even as a "moderate."

Rather, they can fall anywhere on the spectrum.

The main point here is that each person has the opportunity to choose what he or she feel about each issue and no one has to be confined to a cookie cutter definition.

Also, no person has to make decisions or vote in a certain way solely because the ideology of their choosing says they should.

This is a free country and people have the freedom to think however they want to, be that conservative, liberal, or anywhere in between.

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The Conservative Corner

Many people probably don't really know what it means to be a conservative like what issues we believe in or even who are.

Studentnewsdaily.com gives a great definition of what it means to be a conservative: "Conservatives believe in personal responsibility, limited government, free markets, individual liberty, traditional American values and a strong national defense. Believe the role of government should be to provide people the freedom necessary to pursue their own goals."

Basically, to be a Conservative or a Republican, a person must believe that you take responsibility for your actions and that it is up to you to promote yourself in life. They also believe in a limited government to allow the people to promote themselves and pursue their goals.

They want a free market that doesn't allow for economic or government intervention. And finally, "Conservative policies generally emphasize empowerment of the individual to solve problems."

If this doesn't help, I will shed some light on policy issues that we either favor or disagree with.

Abortion: Probably one of the most controversial issues that also seems to be one of the most popular in high school English research papers. Conservatives are strong believers in pro-life. They believe that life begins at conception and it is murder to kill it. I one hundred percent agree with this and am strongly against abortion.

Affirmative Action: Conservatives believe that people should be admitted to schools and hired for jobs based on ability, not on race. That can go back to their idea about personal responsibility. Studentnewsdaily.com says, "Reverse-discrimination is not a solution for racism." I personally don't know too much about this policy, but in a way I do agree with it. Obviously people all don't have the same abilities, but just because someone is of a certain race shouldn't mean they get to have special privileges.

Death Penalty: Conservatives are strong believers in the death penalty because they feel it is an appropriate punishment for a criminal that has taken an innocent life. They say it is neither "cruel" nor "unusual." I think in theory this policy is a good idea, but in another light, two wrongs don't make a right. Also, the circumstances might be different. An accidental murder (car accident, things of that nature) shouldn't be punished with the death penalty but a serial killer or an intentional murder definitely should be.

Economy: This topic is the one that voters pay the most attention to. Conservatives think that a free market system, competitive capitalism, and private enterprise make for the best opportunity and living for everyone. "Free markets produce more economic growth, more jobs and higher standards of living than those systems burdened by excessive government regulation," studentnewsdaily.com writes. All I know about the economy, honestly, is whether we are doing well or whether we are in a recession. As for free market systems, I'm pretty much clueless so I can't voice my opinion on this topic.

Education – School Vouchers: On this policy, Conservatives believe that having school vouchers will give the parents the right to choose good schools for their children instead of worrying about not having the money to send them to private schools. The parents that are the tax payers for the school system should decide "how and where to educate their child." I agree with this. Private schools, a lot of times, do have a better education system than public schools. Being able to decide which one better fits your child will make it a better experience for not only the child, but for everyone in the school system.

They will have children that are about up to speed as everyone else.

Environment: Conservatives "desire clean water, clean air and a clean planet, just like everyone else. However, extreme environmental policies destroy jobs and damage the economy."

They also believe that global temperatures are natural processes that change overtime and don't believe that humans can change the global temperature. Again, I have no thoughts on this since I haven't paid much attention to it and don't know a lot about what's good and what's bad.

Meet the Editors!

Alex Myers
Freshman
Communications

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Sandra Bullock

What's the last movie your saw in theaters?
Remember Me (It was really good!)

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?
It's probably the range of opportunities.

What's your favorite meal?
My Mom's gravy and meatballs.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
Hopefully get a job in print, but we'll see how that goes.

What is your favorite material object?
My cell phone.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
Copy-editor of *The Westfield Voice*, future Co-Editor-in-Chief of *The Westfield Voice*, Secretary of Courtney Hall, I have a radio show on WSKB and I'm going to be an orientation leader next summer.

Advertise yourself:
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WSC students sleep out in Cambridge

This past Sunday I joined over 150 students who gathered on the Cambridge town common to participate in the Leadership Campaign's second statewide Sleep Out of the semester.

We were protesting the use of the dirty electricity which is used to power our homes and dorms, and calling on the state legislature to support our bill for the creation of a task force which will determine how Massachusetts can reach 100% clean electricity by 2020.

And so we pitched our tents and settled in for a wet, windy night on the hallowed ground of the Cambridge Common.

The Cambridge Common is the site where General George Washington first assembled his troops in 1774.

The troops were under trained and under supplied, and yet they were willing to fight and die for the cause they believed in.

In the winter of 1776 forty-two cannons from Fort Ticonderoga were moved in the dead of winter over the Berkshire Mountains to Cambridge where General Washington received them. These cannons were then brought to the Dorchester Heights overlooking Boston and forced the great British army to evacuate the city.

These fearless patriots faced impossible odds for the sake freedom for themselves, their children, and the many

future generations. And their success forever altered the face of history.

The students who gathered on the Cambridge Common this past Sunday had the same high hopes, to change the direction of our state, our country and our world.

We are working towards achieving 100% clean electricity in Massachusetts by 2020. This will make our state a national and world leader in the fight against climate change and lead the way to a just and stable future.

The weather may have been cold and dreary but it did not dampen our resolve to continue or efforts.

Our bill, An Act to Create a Repower Massachusetts Emergency Task Force, has been stalled in the House Rules Committee for several weeks now.

Speaker Deleo has refused to support this necessary legislation and Representative Binienda who chairs the committee has not released it.

But the Leadership Campaign will not give up its struggle to have this bill passed and is gathering support among representatives and community groups.

In fact the Massachusetts chapter of the Sierra Club just endorsed our bill

If any students (or professors!) are interested in joining the Leadership Campaign in our efforts to reach 100% clean electricity please attend our weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 5:15 in Ely 3rd floor lounge or send me an email.

Erin Judge is the Campus Campaign Coordinator for the Leadership Campaign of Westfield State College and can be reached at ejudge0474@wsc.ma.edu

Editor's Desk

Hello!

It's official, I'm approaching the end of my Editor-in-Chief run. It's a bittersweet feeling as we come to the end and hand our keys over to new Co-Editor-in-Chiefs, Sam Fahey and Alex Myers.

In the meantime, we're still chugging along so if you'd like to get published before the end of the academic year, the time is now! Send your articles to thevoice@wsc.ma.edu.

Also, *The Westfield Voice* has gone online! You can visit the paper at www.thewestfieldvoice.com. Sam and Alex will be looking for editors for the online edition so if you're interested, e-mail us with the subject "online editor."

I hope you're all enjoying the beautiful weather this weekend and if anyone is traveling home, drive safe!

Cait Penndorf
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Happy Easter from Super Phipps

"We don't have eggs... but we've got everything else you need for Easter!"

Must be 21 years of age to enter!

Spring time activities

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love to share with others. I felt like I was someplace other than Westfield.

And if you weren't satisfied with that, going a little further past the pond is a rose garden. Unfortunately the flowers have not bloomed yet, but later in the spring they will be all over the place.

Stanley Park is open until about 7 p.m. at night, which is perfect because you can stay there all day. If you have your car on campus or are bus savvy, a town called Northampton is only about twenty-five minutes away. There are strips of stores, places to eat, and more you can do there. The sidewalks are busy with people shopping and talking. It is a great place to go when you want a day of fun.

There is a store called Faces with very different, random things. They have clothes, sunglasses, shoes, posters, lamps, frames, etc. if you're bored of your dorm room and want something new to make it look nicer this is the place to go. I have taken advantage of all of these places and activities on or close by campus. I've had memories out in the sun that I won't forget. Let's hope that we have more sunny weather for the rest of spring!

WSC Haiti Benefit

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those who have lost their lives in Haiti, and this is our [Westfield State's] way of showing support for the people of Haiti and recognizing that they need help," said Suslak.

With the body count still rising, many people and organizations are trying to donate to relief efforts. The Red Cross and Partners In Health are among those donating their time and effort to this cause.

"As always students are stepping up to the plate," Susan LaMontagne, dean of students, said about the students' willingness to contribute. "They do it all the time."

"You can make a difference"

The Helping Hands for Haiti Benefit show consisted of six acts: the Musical Theatre Guild, Dance Club, Pep Band, Dance Team, Step Team, and Night Owls. Each group was asked to perform at the event and accepted the chance to help others.

"We thought that this would be a nice way to get all of the student entertainment groups together in one night," said Suslak. "The groups were all excited to perform and donate their time and talent to the cause."

"Just $5 can turn into $35 worth of water"

The lights went down, making the auditorium go pitch black. A moment later, a slideshow began showing pictures of devastation with the occasional quote to go along with it. Background music for the slideshow was a recording of Beyonce's "Halo."

A child in the arms of a rescue worker. Four rescue workers standing in rubble with a rescue dog nearby. The Hotel Montana collapsed and in shambles. Britney Gengel surrounded by a group of children.

Inspirational quotes appeared between pictures. "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does," said by William James was the first to appear. "Just $5 can turn into $35 worth of water," "You can make a difference," and "We can help Haiti heal" were subsequent ones.

One of the slides read, I'll never forget that smell as long as I live, he said. The devastation was horrific. That place is hell on earth. This was said by Len Gengel, Britney Gengel's father.

The emcees, including Brittany Suslak, entered after the slideshow ended, and the acts began performing.

Each act drew a substantial applause at the end, with gift card raffles done in between the acts. At the end of the night, the emcees joined together to announce the money that was raised.

"We have raised more than $700 tonight!" The emcees said into their microphones.

Applause and yelling commenced at this announcement.

Friends looked at each other and smiled, with the occasional whistle in the crowd.

"The audience was small, but they were excited and happy when the amount was announced," said Nicole DeLuca, a senior Music major.

As the lights went up after the announcement, signaling the end of the show, more smiles were seen on the audience members' faces and excited chatter began as they walked out of the auditorium.

Editor's Desk

Hello everyone!

I cannot believe that we have just one issue more before we hand The Voice over to the new editors! This is craziness. It has been a great, great two years being the layout editor for The Voice. It has really helped me realize that this is indeed what I would like to do with the rest of my life, though newspapers are slowly going out of style.

Who else cannot wait for the nice weather!? I know Cait Penndorf is excited!

Happy Passover everyone! Hope everyone had their fill of Matzoh Ball Soup! I know I did! :)

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2nd Annual Spring Career & Graduate School Expo

Westfield State College
Thursday, April 22, 2010
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Woodward Center

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REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

THE BEATLES

On this day in 1964, one artist, for the first time in history, occupied the first five positions on the Billboard Hot 100 list. The artist was, of course, The Beatles. The songs, "Can't Buy Me Love," "Twist and Shout," "She Loves You," " I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "Please Please Me."

The Beatles held down twelve of the top 100 spots on the chart this week over 50 years ago. The Beatles went on to be arguably the most famous and most commercially succes-sful group of all-time. All in all, The Beatles had 20 number one hits on the American charts and 19 number one albums, *In England*, they had 17 number one singles and 15 number one albums.

The Beatles

The eclectic collection of music The Beatles recorded in their decade together is regarded as one of the most impressive in music history.

HANK AARON

This week in 1974, Hank Aaron slugged his way into the record books by hitting his 715th career homerun, surpassing the 714 put up by the great Babe Ruth.

Leading up the beginning of the 1974 season, Aaron had led an assault on the all-time record, hitting 40 homers in 1973 to finish the season one home run short of 714.

Aaron downplayed the run at the record but many people didn't.

Aaron was the target of hateful messages and death threats during the racially charged era that was the early 1970's. Despite the threats and hate mail, Aaron took it in stride and continued to do what he was best at, hitting home runs.

Hank Aaron

Aaron hit the historic blast on April 8th, 1974 off of Dodgers pitcher Al Downing.

Aaron finished his Hall of Fame career with 755 career home runs, currently second all-time to Barry Bonds' 762.

ROBERT DOWNEY JR.

Born April 4, 1965, Robert Downey, Jr. has been one of the most recognizable and successful Hollywood actors of our generation.

Oowney's career began in the late 80s where he made a name for himself in *Weird Science* and *Less than Zero* and parlayed his uncanny ability into starring roles in a number of 90's films including *Natural Born Killers*. His meteoric rise to celebrity also led to his demise at the hands of typical celebrity vices like drugs and alcohol.

After numerous run-in's with the law and a brief prison term, Oowney resurrected his film career with roles in small film hits *Game 6* and *Kiss Kiss, Bong Bong* and in the Oscar nominated *Good Night and Good Luck*.

Robert Downey Jr.

Since then, his Academy Award nominate performance in *Tropic Thunder* and in the *Iron Man* series has catapulted Downey back into the forefront of the Hollywood landscape.

What to do while you're in China

A Westfield State College student describes his experiences while studying abroad

大家好 ! (Hello Everyone)

It has already been a month in China! I can't believe how fast it has gone by. We have mid terms in a few weeks. I have eaten a lot of different foods and have experienced many different things that we just don't have in America.

Massage. My eyes have been opened to the beautiful world of massage in China. My previous knowledge of massages was that they feel amazing and you have to pay a dollar a minute for them at the mall. I know that they are very expensive at spas and I had never gotten a professional one in America. However, it is one of my favorite things about China.

I went to get my hair cut with my friend Alan and my Professor Brad. He is a Caucasian professor from Wisconsin. The teacher-student relationship extends beyond the classroom in China. The three of us went to get our haircut at a place that my professor knows about. The haircut process involves them washing your hair, massaging your head, massaging your body, giving you a haircut, and washing your hair again. This process last for about an hour and it costs 30 RMB, which is the currency here in Zhuhai. That is around five dollars in the United States. I'm not sure about you but I get my haircut by my barber who charges fifteen dollars and it only involves my hair being cut. Then I usually throw her a three-dollar tip. I couldn't believe what a haircut here included and it's safe to stay I can't wait for my hair to grow so I can go again.

A massage parlor that I went to after I got my haircut was also amazing. I was able to shower there and then was given a robe to change into. Then I got an hour foot massage followed by an hour body massage. Then my friends and I ate Ramon noodles and sprite that they provided for us for free. We sat in the foot massage chairs, which are very comfortable and include a TV that rotates for you to watch. We were allowed to spend the night there so we did. Spending the night are regular occurrences at massage places. Some people fall asleep in the foot massage chairs and others, like us, slept on

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Speaker Series Dates

Gender and the Iranian State
Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Scanlon Banquet Hall
Sponsored by the Global Women's History Project

Gloria Steinem
POSTPONED!
May 5, 2010
Reception: 6:00 pm
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Woodward Center

Danny Glover
Friday April 2, 2010
Reception: 6:30 pm
Presentation: 8:00 pm

Tickets are $25 for the Q&A only
$50 for the reception and Q&A

Greg Mortenson
Thursday, April 29, 2010
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Location: Woodward Center

Tickets are free for faculty, staff and students, $35 for the general public, and $30 for Westfield State Alumni. Seating is limited.

Commencement speaker: Byron Pitts
CBS News Chief National Correspondent; 60 Minutes Contributer

Top 10 Albums
1. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
2. Marvin Sapp - Here I Am
3. Ludacris - Battle of the Sexes
4. Various Artists - The Edge
5. Lady Gaga - The Fame
6. Sade - Soldier of Love
7. Jimi Hendrix - Valleys of Neptune
8. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.
9. Gorillaz - Platic Beach
10. Justin Bieber - My World (EP)

Top 10 Singles
1. Rihanna - Rude Boy
2. B.o.B. feat. Bruno Mars - Nothin' On You
3. Lady Gaga feat. Beyonce - Telephone
4. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
5. Taio Cruz feat. Ludacris - Break Your Heart
6. The Black Eyed Peas - Imma Be
7. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
8. Young Money feat. Lloyd - BedRock
9. KeSha - TiK ToK
10. Justin Bieber feat. Ludacris - Baby

Top Movies
1. How to Train Your Dragon
2. Alice in Wonderland
3. Hot Tub Time Machine
4. The Bounty Hunter
5. Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Slash - Slash & Friends
2. Jeff Beck - Emotion & Commotion
3. Coheed & Cambria - Year of the Black Rainbow
4. Airbourne - No Guts. No Glory
5. Ratt - Infestation

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Bad Lieutenant
2. Pirate Radio
3. The Slammin' Salmon
4. The Lovely Bones
5. The Young Victoria

Upcoming Video Games
1. Clash of the Titans
2. Bonk: Brink of Extinction
3. Grand Theft Auto: The Ballad of Gay Tony
4. Grand Theft Auto: The Lost and Damned
5. Metalocalypse - Dethgame

Upcoming Rock Band DLC:
Jimi Hendrix Experience - Axis: Bold as Love album:
1. Up from the Skies
2. Spanish Castle Magic
3. Wait Until Tomorrow
4. Ain't No Telling
5. Little Wing
6. If 6 Was 9
7. You Got Me Floatin
8. Castles Made of Sand
9. She's so Fine
10. One Rainy Wish
11. Little Miss Lover
12. Bold as Love
Single: Jimi Hendrix - Valleys of Neptune

Guitar Hero 5 content
Lynyrd Skynyrd pack:
1. Free Bird
2. Simple Man
3. Gimme Three Steps

Time Machine

A trip back through Music History

by Franny Zupancic
www.confrabandwrestling.com
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WSKB 89.5 Wednesdays 10 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Nazareth
Hair of the Dog
April 1975

Nazareth isn't the type of band that tore up the charts, and I don't think they will see a Hall of Fame induction any time soon, but they are definitely worth checking out. I first heard of Nazareth (unknowingly) by hearing their ballad "Love Hurts."

The cover appears on the United States release of "Hair of the Dog" and was originally made famous by Roy Orbison, who covered it merely a year after the initial Everly Brothers release, in 1961 and 1960, respectively. Orbison's cover was the first to become a 'hit,' but Nazareth's was the most successful, reaching the top ten on US charts.

The second time I was introduced to Nazareth was Guns N' Roses' cover of "Hair of the Dog" on their punk cover album "Spaghetti Incident." After reading the liner notes and looking to find the original versions of the song selections, I was surprised to find that it was the same band that did "Love Hurts."

It turns out, Nazareth's most successful album had a multitude of styles and sounds, from the gritty "Hair of the Dog" title track, to the soulful "Love Hurts" cover, and the indescribable "My White Bicycle" and "Razmanaz" tracks on other albums.

Dan McCafferty's vocals are familiar enough to give him qualities like a 'Robert Plant-lite' mixed with a Freddie Mercury and a touch of a John Fogerty. Manny Charlton's riffy guitar work gives the music a catchy sound also comparable to Creedence Clearwater Revival, but their unique sound is likely credited to Charlton's synthesizer. Scratchy vocals and riff-driven guitar were the key elements behind AC/DC and CCR, but Charlton took it a step further with his synth work, which probably was a source of inspiration for Axl Rose and his ideas for Guns N' Roses's very artistic change of direction with "Use Your Illusion."

Nazareth - Hair of the Dog
35th Anniversary

"Hair of the Dog" went on to sell over two million copies, and Nazareth still continues to record and tour. The album is definitely worth checking out if you like classic hard rock and early metal roots.

Activities in China

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the massage beds. I got my massage with two of my friends in the room while our other three friends were in another room. The experience includes a shower, clothes to wear, food and drink, two hours of massage, and spending the night. The cost came out to be 75 RMB, which is around eleven dollars in the United States.

Hot Springs. I recently went to a "hot spring". It is not water in the middle of nowhere that is heated by the earth, which I initially thought it was. Instead it is a resort that offers a variety of heated bodies of water. They have a huge heated pool, over 50 hot tubs, a water slide into the heated pool, a pool that has little fish that nibble on the dry skin on your feet, heated little rocks that you get buried with, massages, wet sauna, dry sauna, and a place to go fishing.

The hot tubs were all constructed from cement and stones, which gives off a natural nature type feng shui. The huge heated pool has an area with lounging chairs that is submerged in the water. Each spot has a showerhead that you can turn on if you want water to massage your back.

We went at night and everything was lit up with lights. We also enjoyed the wet sauna, the large pool, and pretty much all the hot tubs. They had different style of hot tubs and different temperatures depending on which on you go in. We also enjoyed an all you can each buffet which was included in the admission price. You are allowed to enjoy all the amenities for an admission fee of 75 RMB, which is around eleven US dollars. We were also able to stay overnight at this place as well. The admission price allows you to have eighteen hours to enjoy their hot springs.

KTV. KTV is very popular in China. KTV is a place that has a bunch of VIP type rooms with a big screen television. There is microphones hooked up and lyrics that play on the screen during the movie video of the song you select. It is like a karaoke room that you enjoy with your friends. You go there for a few hours to eat, drink, and hang out with your friends while making fools of yourselves. When I went we got French fries and beers (which you can have even if you're not 21 in China) so that was factored into our overall price. I think we used the room for 2 hours and it ended up being around ten US dollars a person.

Going out to eat. Going out to eat with never be the same once I return to America. When you go out to eat in America it is either to a restaurants or a fast food place. Restaurants are expensive and you usually go out to eat at them once in a while for a special occasion. Fast food places are visited more frequently but the quality of food you get is only not on the high side.

Going out to eat unless it at a place with a dollar menu is generally expensive by college kid standards. There are canteens on campus, which serve as cafeterias. Each canteen has different types of food that they offer, which leads to a lot of choices for lunch or dinner. The price for a meal that included a full tray that consists of usually rice, two kinds of vegetables, and meat are around ten RMB. You throw in a smoothie for 8 RMB and you have lunch or dinner for around 20 RMB. That is around three US dollars.

Hiking. I have gone hiking twice since I have been here and both times have been unbelievable. I have gone with two different groups of people and took two different routes through the mountains in the back

of UIC's campus. The views are so beautiful there is nothing like exploring a new place. I have hiked a bit around Western Massachusetts and seeing a whole new landscape is breath taking. Visiting places in the world that I may never see again like the great wall is also something that China has to offer. I haven't seen it yet but I am going to visit next week.

Culture. There is just no substitute for looking around on a street and seeing nothing but Chinese people and listening to them speak the language and selling food, merchandise, and everything in between on the side of the street. Learning about how another country operates from the bottom to the top if very interesting. The things that the people in a different place value and customs they take part in. They have a different set of holidays, thoughts on appearance, thoughts toward relationships, thoughts toward certain races, with a different set of morals and behavior.

The way the students conduct their daily life is also very fascinating. What they like to do for fun, physical fitness, and sports are different from students at Westfield State College. I know badminton, ping-pong, and bike riding will never be as popular on the campus of Westfield as it is here at UIC. Also "snooker" is very popular among people in smaller neighborhoods around the city. There are snooker tables outside in front of shops and restaurants. Snooker is similar to pool, but has a totally different set of rules. Another very popular game to play is mahjong, which is played with clay domino like pieces on a table.

I have gotten to experience many things already in China that I never would have been able to experience at Westfield. It has been a good month so far and I'm excited about the upcoming three or so months that are coming up. It is getting closer to two months already and June 15th is going to be here before I know it. Hope everyone had a great Spring Break.

Phrase of the week: I want water.

Characters: 我要水.

再见. (Goodbye)

Robert Louis McGinnity

Spring Weekend 2010 Schedule, Information and Regulations

This year Spring Weekend will take place on campus Friday - Saturday, April 23 - 24. The Westfield State College Campus Activities Board will be presenting a number of contemporary music performances and other activities primarily for the benefit of students and their guests but all members of the College community are welcome to attend at no cost except where food and beverage charges are appropriate.

Westfield State College Policy shall be enforced during Spring Weekend same as any other day on campus. Persons exhibiting disorderliness, intoxication, or any conduct in violation of College Policy may be immediately removed from any event and are subject to immediate removal from campus, protective custody, arrest and other appropriate College and legal action.

All student conduct proscriptions, limitations and guidelines, shall be strictly enforced as articulated in the current *Westfield State College Student Handbook*.

In addition to College Policy enforcement, the following special regulations apply from Friday, April 23 at 12:00 p.m. through Sunday, April 25 at 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Event Attendance

Spring Weekend events are solely intended for members of the College community and their invited guests; therefore, Spring Weekend events are not open to the public.

Furthermore, while there is no charge for admission to events, attendance at all indoor and outdoor venues will be monitored and controlled to ensure safety and order.

College faculty/staff and student attendees are expected to present a valid Westfield State College ID upon request of officials.

New or replacement College ID's and validation stickers are available in advance of the weekend at the Campus Card Office (Wilson Hall, Room 140B) during posted business hours but will not be available during the weekend.

Guests

Students are welcome to bring one non-WSC guest who is registered in advance. Guest registration takes place from Monday, March 29 – Friday, April 16 at the Ely Campus Center Service Window during posted business hours. Student hosts must register their guest in advance in order to receive an authorized Spring Weekend guest wristband.

Hosts are expected to escort their guests while on campus and to take responsibility for their guest's behavior.

Unescorted guests may be asked by College officials to leave campus and to not return for the duration of Spring Weekend.

Legal Beverages

WSC students shall present valid Westfield ID and a valid U.S. state-issued ID or a valid driver's license to enter a legal beverage concession area to purchase and/or consume alcoholic beverages.

All others shall present a valid U.S. state-issued identification card or valid driver's license.

Alcoholic beverage service and consumption shall be confined to areas designated by the College.

Alcoholic beverage containers including but not limited to individual containers, kegs and coolers are prohibited in public areas of the campus including all buildings, grounds, parking lots, walkways, courtyards, and roadways.

Alcoholic beverages shall not be transported to or from any program area on campus.

Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance to all events and/or residence halls.

Meals

Friday, April 23

-Dinner – Popcom chicken wraps, Buffalo chicken pizza, white pizza with broccoli, cheese pizza, chicken patties, grilled cheese, curly fries, tacos, baked potato bar, fruit bar, salad bar, ice cream with toppings

-Midnight Breakfast – Pancakes with syrup, toppings and juice

Saturday, April 24

-Continental Breakfast – Cereal, bagels, fruit, juice, milk

-BBQ Lunch – Hamburgers, grilled chicken, veggie burgers, pasta salad, green bean salad, sliced watermelon, oranges and bananas, brownies, cookies and beverages

-Dinner – Regular dinner service in the Dining Commons

Day/Date	Event Schedule	Location
Friday, April 23		
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Themed Dinner	Dining Commons
9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Ronnie Jordan, Comedian	Ely Main Lounge
10:30 p.m. -12:00 a.m.	Brown Bag Bingo	Ely Main Lounge
12:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Midnight Breakfast	Ely Main Lounge
Saturday, April 24		
10:30 a.m.-	Continental Breakfast	Ely Main Lounge
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Jim Hewitt	Campus Green *
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	BBQ Lunch	Campus Green **
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Novelties	Campus Green ***
12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Beer & Wine Concession	Campus Green ***
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Beat Surrender, Battle of the Bands winner	Campus Green *
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Brian Stokes/Andy Tarara	Campus Green *
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Less Than Jake, Headliner	Campus Green *
4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Commons

Rain sites: * = Woodward Center, ** = Dining Commons, * = Cancelled**

Meal Tickets

Complimentary meal tickets are available at the Dining Commons, Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 23 for all persons on a WSC Meal Plan. Persons not on a Meal Plan may purchase Spring Weekend meal tickets at the Campus Center Service Window (Ely main level) from Tuesday, April 20 through Friday, April 23 during posted business hours.

Meal tickets will also be sold at the Campus Green on Saturday, April 24.

-Meal tickets are required for guests of Courtney Hall, Davis Hall, Dickinson Hall, Lammers Hall and Scanlon Hall residents (4/23 Dinner, 4/24 Lunch & Dinner ($21.50).

Meal ticket sales are final - no refunds will be issued. Checks are to be made payable to the *WSC Student Government Association*.

Motor Vehicles

The following special regulations are in effect relative to motor vehicles:

Guest vehicles may occupy faculty/staff or visitor parking spaces, however, student vehicle use of faculty/staff or visitor parking space is prohibited at all times.

Overnight occupancy in motor vehicles is prohibited on campus.

Residence Halls

These policies are in effect from 12 p.m. on Friday, April 23 to 12 p.m. on Sunday, April 25:

-Only current WSC students and registered Spring Weekend guests may visit residence halls on campus during this time period.

-Residents are expected to present their validated WSC ID when entering a residence hall.

-Guests of residents on campus April 23 - 25 must be at least 18 years of age and must be signed-in by a resident of the residence hall to enter that hall.

-Guests are required to present a valid U.S. state-issued photo identification (or valid motor vehicle operator's license) and an authorized and properly affixed guest wristband.

-Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance to all residence halls.

Woodward Center (Rain site for April 24 Spring Weekend concert only)

Students and registered guests attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center are directed to park at 333 Western Avenue (Horace Mann Center) or the Commuter Parking Lot.

A valid WSC ID or Spring Weekend guest wristband is required to enter the concert area at the Woodward Center.

Individuals attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center must enter and exit the facility using only the main front or rear entrances.

Side exits at the Field House are for emergency use only.

Food, beverages, beverage containers and any type of bag/backpacks are not permitted inside the Saturday concert area at the Woodward Center.

Smoking is prohibited inside of the Woodward Center and within 50 feet of the outside of the building.

Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 14th

Parenzo Gym

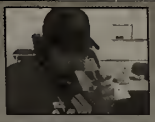
1-7pm

Sign up in the DC the week of April 5th

Walk-ins welcome

Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay



This past week my, as I'm sure most your, student bills were due at the registrars office. Typical, yes, but there was one thing, one little teeny-weeny, itty-bitty little thing that perplexed me and that was the $100 late fee.

Really? One hundred bills; A C-note? I'm not a rocket scientist, but I'm damn positive it doesn't take that much energy to put my bill, one day late, on the top or bottom of a pile of other bills. Its really not worth $100 is it? Especially considering how much the original bill was for, lets be serious.

My other qualm pertains to the overload credit fee. This semester, I'm taking 20 credits instead of the "Max" of eighteen. I'm doing this so I can graduate on time and with the exact number of credits I need to graduate. For this, I was charged $175 PER CREDIT over the max. Those of you who are a little behind, that's an extra $350 this semester.

So riddle me this, if I take 20 credits my last semester and graduate with 120 total credits and student A takes 15 credits a semester for every semester and graduates with 120 total credits, over the course of our college careers, did one of us do more work than the other in terms of credits taken? No. Of course not, but I will have paid $350 more than student A and for what, why? Did my teachers have to teach me more credit hours than they would have had I taken them at the rate of fifteen credits a semester? No, absolutely not.

Apparently, the school does not make enough money off of we students from tuition and wellness center fees and speaker series (on an occasion) and meal plans et cetera et cetera, that we have to charge students $175 a credit over eighteen.

I know for a fact that this school (and many others) have numerous fees that subtly drain the bank accounts of students and its not fair to us. Find you're money else where, or raise tuition by a couple hundred bucks so that we can pay it all off at one time with loans.

Honestly, I don't know who to blame on this one. The school for charging the fees, the state and Governor (ugh, God...) Deval Patrick for basically leading on the members of the education system in Massachusetts more than you're average, flighty, high school blonde would to a member of the band, or the wonderful democrats in this state who voted "tax it all Deval" into the office in the first place. Someone, tell me. I'm intrigued.

I really don't have enough space here to go into it in depth because I've only got about 500 characters left. If you're concerned or hate me or agree with me, please; send me an email at mcastonguay2516@wsc.ma.edu; and now, its time for sports.

All this rain this past week has me thinking about building an ark. Not just any ark, a sports ark. Two-by-two, I'm picking athletes from each sport that I'd take with me in a flood to keep pro sports alive. Lets start with football.

The two players from the NFL I'm saving are Peyton Manning and Reggie Bush. Manning will go down in history as the greatest Quarterback ever, period; and Reggie Bush is, if he can continue to get enough carries and start making plays like he did during the Saints run at the Super Bowl, the most exciting, explosive player in the NFL.

In the NBA, I don't believe there is a choice. LeBron James and Chris Paul. These two will probably end up in the top 5 all-time in NBA history. We all know Bron-bron is going to challenge Michael Jordan for the title of nastiest athlete ever if he can ever get a championship (or six).

Major League Baseball's two representatives are also, to me any way, blatantly obvious. Albert Pujols is a god amongst men. His ability at the plate is possibly second to none. Pujols has put up MVP Baseball 04 numbers; on easy nonetheless. The second choice is the freak, Tim Lincecum. I'm praying to God that Lincecum can stay healthy. His unorthodox yet mind blowingly eye pleasing and rhythmic motion can be murder on his organs and his stride (1.25x his height, average pitchers are 0.75x their height) has Giants fans crossing their fingers on every pitch. But lets face it, anyone would live with that fear if they had a pitcher who's won two Cy Young's in two full years in the league.

In NASCAR, I'm taking Kyle Busch and Denny Hamlin. These two JGR drivers have all the natural ability in the world and drive for one of the most advanced teams in the game. Busch needs to first find a crew chief he can get along with (or who can get along with him) and begin to stray from his "Rowdy" Busch, win-at-all-costs persona. Once he learns how to run for points instead of wins, Jimmie Johnson will have his hands full. Hamlin is a little more mature, but happens to have the worlds worst luck.

And lastly, on the links, I'm taking Ryan Moore and Rory McIlroy. Rory worries me a little because his back is already showing signs of going south and Moore has been a late bloomer but, they've both got enough talent to take down Tiger on any given weekend.

And now that I'm approaching 1,000 characters, its time to go; Hope you all are able to keep your heads up as we round third and head for home in this the last month of this school year. As always, kiddies, keep your head on a swivel and watch the beverage man.

WSC sports roundup

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's baseball team picked up four wins in four games last week to improve its record to 11-3 on the season.

The week was highlighted by two home wins on Sunday, a 5-3 win over Castleton and a 5-0 shutout against Elms College. The Owls also blew out Amherst College 24-5 earlier in the week.

Ben Wagner led Westfield in the win over Amherst with 4 hits, 3 runs and 2 RBIs. Pete Hogan had 2 hits and 3 RBIs while Kevin Lyons added 3 hits, 5 runs and 2 RBIs.

The story in the wins over Castleton and Elms was great pitching performances by Westfield.

Bob Sinopoli pitched six scoreless innings against Elms to pick up the win while relievers Matt McDougall and Jeff Fields finished off the final three innings to seal the shutout win.

In the victory over Castleton, Bret Siffinger gave up zero earned runs and only four hits over seven innings to pick up the win.

Westfield will play a home game against Western Connecticut at 3:30 p.m., Monday, April 5.

Westfield's softball team won both of its two games last week to improve to 7-4 on the season.

Westfield won its first game of the week by defeating Western New England 7-5.

Pitcher Madeline Tomich went the distance for the Owls, giving up just 4 earned runs while striking out 10 batters over seven innings.

Kerin DeGirolamo led Westfield's offensive attack with 2 hits, including a solo-homerun, and 2 runs scored.

Westfield defeated Elms College 8-5 in its second game of the week. Ashtyn Welcome gave up four earned runs in four innings to pick up the win and Courtney Begin pitched the final three innings without giving up a run to pick up the save.

The softball team will play a home doubleheader against Amherst College at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 7.

WSC's men's spring track and field team finished in second place overall in its first meet of the spring season, the Jerry Gravel Classic, last Saturday. Only the Division I UConn Huskies finished ahead of the Owls in the meet.

Senior Brandon Palmer won the triple jump with a jump of 43-10 3/4 and also placed fifth in the long jump.

Westfield's 4 x 400 relay team also took a first place finish.

Freshman Justin Ehrhardt placed second in the shot put (47-4- 1/4) and fifth in the discus and freshman Thomas Gauger placed third in the pole vault.

Westfield's women's spring track and field team finished in fifth place overall at the Jerry Gravel Classic. Senior All-American Kerry Arouca was Westfield's only first place finisher, easily winning the 5,000 meter run.

Sophomore Laura Poore placed third in the triple jump (35-9 1/4) and fourth in the 200 meter dash (27.63).

Both the men's and women's spring track and field teams will compete in the Coast Guard Invitational in New London, Conn. this Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Check back next week to see how all of Westfield's spring sports teams faired in their games.

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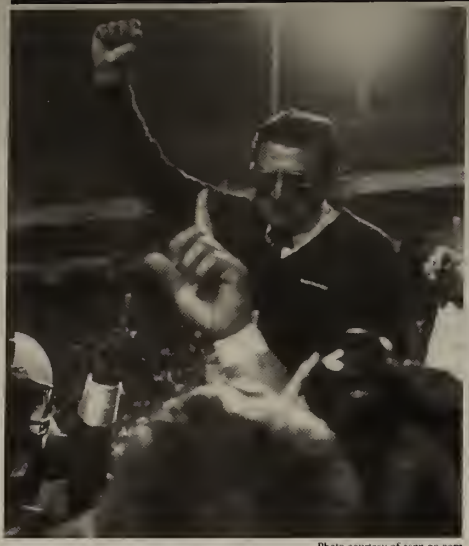

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Joe Paterno is still coaching at Penn State at age 83.

Timeout with Teresa

By Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Editor

The other day I was looking at sports articles online and came across one that featured Bobby Bowden, former head coach of the Florida State Seminoles. Bowden retired recently, and reading that article made me think of Penn State Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno.

At the age of 83, Paterno is still coaching, and intends on coming back in the fall to continue his coaching career. Paterno, nicknamed "Joe Pa," is the leader in career wins among major college coaches with 394. He passed Bowden in this category in 2008.

Along with holding the record for most victories, Paterno has coached more bowl game wins than any other college football coach in history, and tops the list of most bowl appearances with 36. He is also the only coach to have one each of the major college bowl games (Rose, Orange, Fiesta, and Sugar).

Paterno has also led Penn State to five undefeated, untied seasons, and since joining the Big Ten Conference in 1993, Penn State has won the Big Ten championship three times.

For these achievements as well as many others, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2007, as one of the first active coaches to be inducted.

Penn State has an overall record of 394 wins, 129 losses, and 3 ties with Paterno as head coach. As far as bowl games are concerned, Paterno has led Penn State to 24 wins, 11 losses and 1 tie. He also has 38 winning seasons, out of his 44 years as head coach.

Paterno played four years of college football at Brown University from 1946-1949.

He played quarterback and cornerback, and shares the career record for interceptions at 14 with Greg Parker.

When he graduated from Brown University in 1950, he followed his college coach Rip Engle to Penn State and became Engle's assistant coach. Paterno held the assistant coach position at Penn State for 16 years, from 1950-1965.

Paterno took over the head coach position at Penn State in 1966 and has held the position ever since. In the fall he will be going into his 45th season as head coach, his 61st season with Penn State in general.

He has been on Penn State's coaching staff for 680 of their 1,202 games, which comes out to 56.6 percent of all games played since the program started in 1887. That really gives you a sense as to how long Paterno has been part of the Penn State football family.

In the past, Paterno has turned down offers to coach in the pros. The Pittsburgh Steelers offered him the head coaching spot in 1969, and the New England Patriots offered him the same job in 1972, and he turned down both.

In addition to turning down two coaching jobs in the pros, Paterno also turned down a head coach job offer from the University of Michigan in 1969.

Most college football coaches have the dream of moving from coaching at the college level to coaching at the professional level. This doesn't appear to be true of Paterno, and that has benefited Penn State immensely.

In 2005, Paterno was named AP Coach of the Year, and Walter Camp Coach of the Year. He was also the first college football coach to be named Sportsman of the Year by Sports Illustrated in 1986.

Outside of his coaching efforts, Paterno and his wife have donated over four million dollars to Penn State, including the Penn State All-Sports Museum that opened in 2002, and the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center that opened in 2003.

They also helped raise over $13.5 million for the expansion of the Pattee Library in 1997, and Penn State named the expansion Paterno Library in their honor.

It will be a sad day when Joe Paterno retires from coaching at Penn State. He has been a part of the institution for so long, and his name has become synonymous with Penn State football.

Paterno is undeniably the face of Penn State football, and will most likely remain so for years after his retirement.

Upsets continue into second weekend of March Madness

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Upsets were the story of the first two round of the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, and last weekend's games didn't disappoint as big upsets were once again the story.

The 'Sweet Sixteen' games of March Madness were played last Thursday and Friday and the 'Elite Eight' games were played on Saturday and Sunday.

Sixteen teams began playing on Thursday with the goal of winning an NCAA Championship. That possibility remains for only four tournament teams: the 'Final Four.'

The action began last Thursday with fifth seeded Butler defeating number one seed Syracuse to advance to the Elite Eight. Syracuse became the second number one seed to be knocked out of the tournament.

Second seeded Kansas State advanced to the Elite Eight by defeating sixth seeded Xavier in an epic 101-96 double-overtime thriller.

Kansas State and Butler then faced off to determine the winner of the South region of the bracket with a bid to the Final Four on the line.

Butler was able to pull off another huge upset, sending Kansas State home with an impressive 63-56 victory to reach its first Final Four in school history.

In the Midwest region of the bracket, sixth seeded Tennessee pulled off an impressive Sweet Sixteen upset by defeating number two seed Ohio State.

In the same region, ninth seeded Northern Iowa's Cinderella magic finally wore off as fifth seeded Michigan State defeated the Panthers 59-52.

Michigan State then faced Tennessee in the Midwest regional final and Michigan State prevailed with a nail biting 70-69 win.

The win marked the second straight year that the Spartans earned a berth in the Final Four.

Second seeded West Virginia defeated number 11 seed Washington in the Sweet Sixteen 69-56. Also in the East region, number one seed Kentucky continued its tournament dominance by defeating number 12 seed Cornell 62-45.

Kentucky ran out of steam in the Elite Eight, however, and West Virginia upset the Wildcats 73-66 to advance to the Final Four.

Duke became the only number one seed to advance to the Final Four by defeating Purdue and Baylor in the South region. Duke defeated fourth seeded Purdue in the Sweet Sixteen 70-57 to advance to face third seeded Baylor in the Elite Eight.

Baylor dominated number 10 seed St. Mary's in the Sweet Sixteen, winning 72-49, but struggled to rebound the basketball against Duke. The Blue Devils defeated Baylor 78-71 in the Elite Eight to advance to the Final Four.

This Saturday, April 3, fifth seeded Michigan State and fifth seeded Butler will face off a 6:07 p.m. Second seeded West Virginia and number one seed Duke will play at 8:47 p.m.

While St. Mary's, Cornell and Northern Iowa were all eliminated in the Sweet Sixteen, it is fair to say that Butler has become America's new favorite Cinderella team.

By knocking off Syracuse and Kansas State, the mid-major Bulldogs proved that they can play with the 'big boys' and are worthy of being a Final Four team.

Butler will have a nice advantage heading into the Final Four, which is being played at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, since Butler's campus is only seven miles away. Butler will be well rested and won't have to worry about travel time getting to the Final Four.

The winners of the two Final Four games will face off on Monday night in the NCAA Division I Basketball National Championship Game.

A tournament full of surprises and underdogs has almost reached its conclusion, but three games remain before a National Champion is crowned. If the first four rounds are any indication, this is going to be a great weekend for college basketball fans.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
A lot of your energy could be going into dealing with some relationship issues. You might be expected to make some sacrifices on behalf of a partner, but it might not always be easy to balance your needs with someone else's.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You might find yourself feeling a little out of sorts this week, and things could be particularly confusing if you have to work on something with others right now. Now's not really the best time to try to force issues, so try to reflect on some of your objectives while you can.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You could be feeling a little confused when it comes to an issue involving a loved one, and you might find yourself starting to feel a little disillusioned right now. If something is bothering you with someone special, you have to realize that this problem probably won't take care of itself.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Your focus this week is likely to be primarily on home and family matters, and there could be some confusion to have to deal with around the house. Your family and loved ones are bound to be a little distracted and might not really appreciate all your efforts right now, but don't worry.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Your mind might be a little murky, and you may be better-suited to doing a little creative thinking rather than dealing with any practical matters right now. You might not be communicating all that clearly, and your judgment could be a bit cloudy as well.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
If you're not careful, you could find yourself having to deal with a few difficult situations, and you might not be too sure about how to handle things. Money matters could be one of your main areas of focus right now.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You may be feeling a bit sensitive this week and your worries and concerns could cover a wide range of issues. You might find yourself feeling a little uncertain and lacking in self-confidence right now. Don't be afraid to be a bit skeptical.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You could be required to be spending a little time and energy on the needs of others. Friends, family and partners are all bound to expect you to sacrifice your time and attention to focus on their needs. Just try not to allow yourself to get locked in to too many commitments or to be taken advantage of in any way right now.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
If you have to spend some time helping your friends solve some of their problems this week, you might be starting to get a little tired of having to deal with all their problems.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
You might not be feeling terribly ambitious, and there could be a little confusion for you to have to deal with when it comes to a number of different matters right now. Just be careful about how you present yourself.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You could be a little overly optimistic, and you might be inclined to want to ignore any problems right now. Try to pay attention to the big picture rather than getting caught up in all the little details.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
Don't be surprised if financial matters and concerns end up occupying most of your time and you might find yourself feeling a little confused about how to handle things. If you've felt the temptation to spend a little too much money, just realize that it'd be a good idea for you to learn how to resist that impulse.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Chocolate Dipped Rice Crispy Treat Easter Eggs

Ingredients
3 tablespoons butter
10 ounce package of marshmallows
6 cups rice crisp cereal
1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate morsels or milk chocolate morsels
5 teaspoons shortening
Rainbow sprinkles

Steps
In a saucepan melt butter over low heat
Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted, remove from heat.
Add rice crisp cereal.
Stir until well coated.
divide warm cereal mixture into portions (use something coated with shortening so it wont stick)
Make the mixture into egg shapes.
Let cool.
In small saucepan combine chocolate morsels and shortening; cook over low heat until melted, stirring constantly.
Dip bottoms (or whole eggs!) into melted chocolate.
Decorate with rainbow sprinkles.
Place on wax-paper-lined baking sheet and refrigerate.

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Top 10 tips for participating in a career fair

By Penny Loretto, About.com Guide

Career fairs are one way to meet employers who are actually hiring or anticipate hiring new employees in the near future.

If you are looking to do an internship, it's important to let employers know that if you can in your initial 30 second elevator speech.

It's also a good idea to put an objective at the top of the resume to let them know that you are looking for an internship.

1. Prepare an Elevator Speech: Have a short elevator speech prepared to give employers that includes information about your college, previous experiences, personal interests, and career goals.

2. Arrive Early:
Give yourself ample time to get acclimated and check out fair participants.

3. Dress for Success:
Suits are definitely recommended for anyone interested in getting a call back from employers.

4. Bring Lots of Resumes: Career Fairs are an opportunity to meet with many hiring professionals in a very short period of time.
It's best to have enough resumes to be able to hand out to all employers offering internships/jobs that are of interest to you.

5. Act Professionally:
Acting confident in your abilities will portray a sense of professionalism to employers.
Be sure to offer a firm handshake and warm greeting to each employer you meet.

6. Be Assertive:
Be assertive in your approach as you meet with each employer.
Planning ahead can make this step easier especially if you tend to be somewhat shy or reserved.

7. Show Enthusiasm:
Let your personality shine by showing your enthusiasm and your genuine interest in working for the company.

8. Focus on the Positive: Career fairs can be somewhat overwhelming so be sure to keep a positive attitude and remain focused on your goal.

9. Maintain Flexibility:
Be open to possibilities and be sure to check out all of the career options that each employer has to offer.
You may be surprised by the variety of career options that are available with different types of employers.

10. Follow-Up With Employers: Gather as many business cards as you can at the fair and follow up by sending each recruiter a short thank you note highlighting your knowledge, skills, and accomplishments and your interest in working for them.

If you need career guidance, visit Career Services in Lammers Hall. There you'll find resources and advice available regarding job searches and interviews amongst other things. Check emails for information regarding upcoming career fairs and career related events.

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The main environmental issues in Australia

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

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Feral cats are one of the invasive species found in Austtalia.

In the current times of vast environmental issues, with topics like global warming, climate change, and alternative energy dominating the headlines, it's easy to forget about the non-human inhabitants of the planet – that is, the flora and fauna that reside in the ecosystems we try to protect.

Sometimes things get just a little too focused on *us* and what we are doing or not doing. It's also difficult to remember sometimes that America isn't the only country that has been struggling to keep up, that not everyone is like Germany or France as far as keeping things environmentally tidy.

Which brings us to Australia. Known for their wide diversity of plant and animal species (including those bizarre marsupials), 11.5% of the total land area is protected by the Australian government. And while they have problems with climate change, water and air quality (they have the highest per capita carbon dioxide emissions), energy use, land clearing, etc., one major issue for years and years has been invasive species.

While most of the continent's species are endemic, there are many species that were introduced when European's settled there in the eighteenth century and others that continued to be introduced afterwards. Until it became a problem, anyway.

The invasive species range from feral cats to rabbits to marine pests such as the black-striped mussel which arrive in the ballast water of cargo ships. There is an extensive list of invasive plant species as well, like the African Boxthorn and Prickly Pear, and weed management alone costs 4 billion Australian dollars a year (about $3.5 billion U.S.).

Feral cats are the most widespread and serious invasive species; they are believed to have caused the extinction of some small mammals and wiped out a subspecies of the red-fronted parakeet on Macquarie Island.

European rabbits were introduced in 1788 and have grown to a population of over 200 million; they are responsible for killing young orchard trees by ring barking them and destroying plant species, which leaves the topsoil exposed, causing erosion problems.

Freshwater fish like trout and carp have dominated their areas of habitation, flourishing while native species die off. Insects are trouble, too. The elm leaf beetle is detrimental to elm trees so a natural enemy of the beetle, the parasitic fly, was introduced in 2001 to maintain their numbers.

Similar tactics have been used, with rabbits being subjected to the myxoma virus in order to control infestation and the baiting/hunting of red foxes, which were originally introduced for recreational hunting. With the foxes a danger to livestock and native animals, Australians now *have* to hunt them.

The Australian view of human interaction with the environment has always been an active one, but they handle things from a perspective that varies from most. America is concerned with keeping the environment pristine with as little human

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Westfield State's Parenzo Gym: An indepth view

By Thomas Taylor
Voice Reporter

From early morning till mid afternoon, Parenzo's Gym consists of nothing but silence and emptiness. It is a complete open desolate basketball court, with no energy, no sweat, no competition, and no intensity. Maybe from time to time there will be a student eagerly cutting through the gym as if they are late to get to class; cluttered footsteps sound off in the distance, while doors open and shut with creaks and slams.

The smell in the air is prehistoric –a hint of rust, sweat, and wood –as if no one has stepped foot on this court in years. Every wave of sound that exists is echoed; from your footsteps to the second you put your backpack on the ground, the sound lingers, reminding you that no one is around.

Each day, classes generally begin to boil down around three o'clock; most students are usually done, and the leisure activities begin. Students head to the athletics side of campus for practice, students head to the library for studies, students head to work, and some students naturally head directly to Parenzo Gym.

One student enters; one basketball drops with an earsplitting thunderous slam. Another student enters with another ball. Then another. The thunder from the collaboration of the balls roars into the distance; it is as if three drummers have set up only their bass drums in corners of the gym, all playing different beats and interrupting each others rhythm. Loud tings, swishes and screeching footsteps complete this Parenzo Gym Orchestra as all of the individual sounds combine.

"Our teams were very proud to call Parenzo our home," said Andrea Bertini, the Women's Head Basketball Coach here at WSC. "The acoustics offered a great playing atmosphere and the size didn't require more than 40 people to make it feel like 1000."

Students show up to Parenzo with a certain sense of freedom when they choose to play there. They don't have to show up at a certain time, they don't have to take orders from a coach, and they don't have to run suicides up and down the court after each practice – for that matter, they don't even have to practice. Why do they then show up to Parenzo Gym every day after three and play basketball till late hours into the night?

"I think it serves a very important role on our campus," said Coach Bertini. "It gives the students another place to go in the evenings to have fun, shoot around without having to take a shuttle or walk in the cold to Woodward in the winter."

As Jay Augustino a senior at WSC, would put it, "for the love of the game."

Jay stands just less than 5'8" tall, has brown hair and is built like a point guard with wide shoulders and legs that move like a gazelle.

"There is something about getting a game together with your friends that just makes basketball more fun," Jay said assertively. "There is less stress, there are jokes, but at the same time we are still trying to win."

When enough players arrive at the Gym, a full-court game erupts. Ten players are playing at a time. Those ten were made up of what is called "shooting for teams" – a player shoots, makes the basketball, and he is on one team. The next player shoots, makes the basket, and he is on the other team. Students show up to Parenzo gym, shoot for teams, and play with different kids everyday.

"It's just the way things are done," said Jay. "It doesn't matter if you're on a team with all of your buddies or if you're on a team with no one you know; you are there to play basketball, to compete, and have fun."

Where else on campus is there a place where students from all over get together and join in on team work and competition together without even knowing each other?

Teams are selected and the gym begins to roar. Five-on-five is the name of the game. Back and fourth the players run to make plays. As the games

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Softball Field

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NY Times Chechen Women article sub par

By Aleksandr M. Vlasenko
Voice Reporter

I write this in regard to the New York Times article *What Makes Chechen Women So Dangerous?*

It is really hard to speak without emotions taking over my speech and train-of-thought when it comes to topics such as the recent Moscow metro bombings, Chechnya, Beslan, and Russia in general, my being Russian, it kind of hits home.

That being said, I also understand that my view and voice on the matter can be perceived or taken as "bias". I believe "bias" only applies if it is an unreasoned judgment. It may very well be quite personal to me, but not enough to force me into being one-sided or closed-minded, nonetheless, its quite a dirty job to try to reason with or justify a terrorist/"seperatist"/ mujahadeen/muslim-extremist/ "black-widow"/etc.

An acquaintance of my father was a Chechen/ Russian journalist imbedded with Chechen rebels during the First Checben War in 1994. He documented his time with the rebels on video camera.

He later revealed it to Russian news agencies and one copy found its way to my father. The footage he produced is indescribable.

Russia's involvement in Chechnya was ugly. At a time of Soviet government disintegration, Chechnya attempted to become independent under the rule of Dzhokhar Dudayev, who was a Soviet AF general, and became the first president, but Chechnya remained a Republic of Russia. Dudayev's ethnic cleansing and pro-independence policies undermined the economy. Chechnya quickly became a paradise for criminals. Russia, in a weak state, intervened and the conflict only became uglier.

With the fall of the Soviet Union, corruption was highly present in the Russia government and sadly in the once strongly disciplined honor-based military as well, causing too many casualties and an upper hand for the Chechen rebels and their supporters, the numerous global terrorist networks claiming jihad.

What I am trying to convey is that this NY Times article is out of line and is observing a conflict with the wrong end of the binoculars! This is a quote from Robert A. Pape, writer for the NY Times:

"Because the new wave of Chechen separatists see President Kadyrov as a puppet of the Kremlin, any realistic solution must improve the legitimacy of Chechnya's core social institutions. An initial step would be holding free and fair elections. Others would include adopting internationally accepted standards of humane conduct among the security forces and equally distributing the region's oil revenues so that Chechnya's Muslims benefit from their own resources."

If not a "puppet" it will be a rebel leader. If not a rebel leader, another terrorist of some sort who knows not peace and sheds nothing but blood.

As cold as it sounds its quite difficult to "adopt internationally accepted standards of humane conduct" when you deal with a group of people performing such atrocities as the recent metro bombing in Moscow, Beslan with 486 massacred school-children and their teachers, with well over 700 injured, including a few of my good friends, whom I was very blessed to meet, on their first day of school.

When it comes to the topic of oil revenue, with the U.S's widely known concentration in that area of interest, it becomes easy to speculate the reason for U.S. sympathy towards Chechen rebels and condemnation of Russia's actions towards them, but of course that can be argued. Pape continued:

"No political solution would resolve every issue. But the subway attacks should make clear to Russia that quelling the rebellion with diplomacy is in its security interests. As long as Chechens feel themselves under occupation — either directly by Russian troops or by their proxies — the cycle of violence will continue wreaking havoc across Russia."

This is an awfully strong statement to make for someone covering the topic from so far away and viewing the issue with, again, the wrong end of the binoculars.

Proper human conduct must first be adopted by the ones reeking "havoc across Russia" before anything can be considered. If we have not yet forgotten, negotiating with terrorists is not an option unless the former mentioned is done.

Surely Beslan and the Moscow bombings, and countless others are not so easily forgiven and forgotten let alone justifiable. It goes without saying 9/11 and many other suicide terrorist acts across the world will never be forgotten, and for anyone to reason or justify would be complete and utter insolence.

Each terrorist act may have erupted from different wells, but the same water supplies them and is refilled with nothing else but blood in return...

Eric Lemire: More than the DC omelet man

By Thomas Taylor
Voice Reporter

On average, we are looking at one hundred and fourteen a day, six days a week, for four to five months straight. That is 648 omelets a week, 2,736 omelets a month, and 13,680 omelets a semester.

Incredibly, each one in its own unique way; with peppers, onions, mushrooms, broccoli, tomatoes, ham, bacon, pepperoni, mozzarella and cheddar cheese to chose from, each mouth watering omelet is one out of many possible combinations.

That's enough math for the moment; omelets among all of the meals here at Westfield State College Dinning Commons allow for complete customization – students are given the freedom to conjure up what ever concoction comes to mind, all without ever noticing the process that is actually taking place.

"I'll take bacon, broccoli, peppers, and tomato please," says a student in line. Eric Lemire, the notorious omelet master, responds, "Cheese?"

"Let's go with both cheddar and mozzarella," says the student.

You take your seat, pull out your fork and knife and take the initial dive into the omelet. Cheese oozes out like lava out of a volcano, steam arises up into your nose while the fresh scent of peppers and bacon make for delightful reminder that you are about to embark on a delicious adventure.

"Who's next?" says Eric, "What'll it be today?"

We all know this interaction and experience. Even if you have no idea who Eric actually is, this interaction is familiar. Simply as a result of our interest and the overall popularity of having an omelet for breakfast here at WSC, these few shared words make perfect sense to us.

It comes as no surprise that omelets are among the most popular meals to eat in the Dining Commons for breakfast; by 10am the line is staggeringly long, stretching from the beginning of the specialty line, straight across the entre area, and ending at the pasta area.

Students stand anxiously, waiting, waiting, and waiting some more – all for the glorified sensation of biting into that cheese-filled egg fold; some of the better things in life just take a little more time.

Tyler Vandervort, a senior business major from Princeton, New Jersey, explains that the line really isn't a factor.

"Regardless of how long the line is," said Tyler, "the omelet is worth the wait."

Tyler is one of the many students who wait in the omelet line on a day to day basis, with really no issue. Standing 5'9"and always smiling, Tyler sees the omelet ordeal as more of an interactive and entertaining experience than anything else.

"It's never just an order and done, quick deal," said Tyler. "I always find my self chatting up a storm and making jokes as he makes my omelet; Eric is really good guy, he has fun while he works."

Eric Lemire, a resident, born and raised in Westfield, makes omelets throughout the week; every now and then you catch him in the same spot, working on the specialty dish, later on in the day.

"I've been making omelets for the past two years," said Eric with a humbled tone, and a happy look on his face.

After working in the

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There is speculation that Justice John Paul Stevens will announce his retirement by the end of April.

The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

The political world received some sad news over the weekend.

It is speculated that John Paul Stevens, a Supreme Court Justice who has served thirty-five years, will announce his retirement by the end of the month. At the end of April, he will turn 90 and he has told sources close to him that he is considering retirement.

Stevens, who is known as one of the Court's strongest liberal voices, has been an asset to this country ever since he was confirmed.

His voting record has shown him to be more liberal in the areas of First Amendment and free speech rights, the death penalty, and the Fourth Amendment.

In one of his more famous dissents, Justice Stevens disagreed with the ruling in *Bush v. Gore* (2000) that essentially gave the presidency to George W. Bush. One can only wonder what would have happened to this nation if the other five justices had listened to Stevens and the other dissenting justices.

Stevens has been such an important part of the Court for so long that it will be a great loss to this country if he retires. Supreme Court Justices serve life terms and Justice Stevens would be doing the country a favor if he stayed until the end of his life.

However, one must understand that at 90, he might want to retire.

However sad his departure will be, there is hope. If Stevens does retire, it will be during Obama's term, which will allow the Court's ideological balance to stay the same.

The same ideological balance of more conservative and more liberal justices has held for some time and most likely, it is not about to change even though Stevens might be leaving.

No doubt President Obama will nominate another moderate or more liberal justice to replace Stevens.

Obama has already had the chance to make his mark on the Court by appointing Sonia Sotomayor.

If Stevens retires, this will give Obama another opportunity to place a more liberal justice on the Court.

Although the idea of Stevens leaving is sad and quite disappointing, there is always the possibility that a new justice will come onto the scene that can step up and try to be as great for this country as Justice John Paul Stevens has been.

The Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

Gerald Ford appointed Justice Stevens in 1975 after being appointed to the United States Court of Appeals in 1970 by Richard Nixon.

On the appeals court, oyez.org writes, Stevens established his reputation of being a notable legal thinker even more. "As a justice, Stevens has avoided simple conservative or liberal labels."

However, as the Court started to move more towards the right during the Reagan and Bush presidencies, Stevens appeared to be more liberal. In 2003, he was voted the most liberal of all the Supreme Court judges based on his voting record on the issues.

This ideological view is shared by an equal amount of other liberals on the Supreme Court and it is very balanced with the conservative views shared by other chief justices.

The Supreme Court, of all the other branches of government, should be the one that doesn't use their feelings, beliefs, or morals to determine what is right or wrong. It should be based solely on the law and the Constitution. Since it isn't always that way, maybe the law needs to be clearer.

Oyez.org reports, "Stevens will typically examine the facts of each case carefully and on its own merits. He also seeks to defer to the judgments of others who he feels are better suited to decide. He has demonstrated considerable judicial restraint and deference to the Congress."

I wish I could say that I don't like him because he's a liberal and uses his own personal beliefs when making decisions, but I can't because it's always going to be that way. In all of politics, with every Chief Justice, everything… there is no escaping self-interest and personal values.

Now, with Stevens retiring, Obama finds himself needing to appoint another liberal Chief Justice to replace him and keep the balance of power between liberals and conservative points of view. Not that that surprises me… I wouldn't expect him to appoint a conservative Chief Justice.

With the appointment of Sotomayor, Obama seems to be appointing judges that share his progressive liberal views because these positions are for life. Clearly Obama wants the Supreme Court to end up being a very liberal platform. I on the other hand would like some diversity.

I thought maybe since the Supreme Court isn't a huge fan of President Obama that it would affect his decision or the Supreme Court in general with a new Chief Justice being appointed, but it really doesn't matter.

What does matter, though, is when you let your emotions and your personal wants enter into your decision making. Appointing another liberal Chief Justice may be good for the Supreme Court; we don't know that right now. But, it also might not be good. He is doing it because he feels that he'll get his progressive movement going even more and it'll benefit him.

The law is not black and white. It has gray areas where your opinion counts and sometimes opinions are based on likes or dislikes. It's a lot like being a liberal or conservative – all that is really is an opinion.

So whether or not Justice Stevens retiring will be beneficial or not to the Court or government, we'll see in time. I just hope Obama really does make the right choice in who he decides to appoint and that it doesn't totally change the ideologies of the Court for good.

Student of the Week

Sam Fahey
Freshman
Communications

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Rachel McAdams

If you could only listen to two bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
Michael Buble and The Beatles.

What's the last movie your saw in theaters?
Avatar

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?
The college itself is calm and serene. Time like slows down when you come to Western Mass.

What's your favorite meal?
Chicken fingers and French fries.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
I'd like to be Editor of a real paper.

Is your bed made right now?
Yeah, because I sleep on top of the covers.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
I'm going to be one of the Co-Editor-in-Chiefs of *The Westfield Voice* beginning next week.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email ***thevoice@wsc.ma.edu*** *and tell us why.*

Campus Sleep Out to be held at Westfield State

On Tuesday April 13, the Leadership Campaign will be holding a campus Sleep Out here at Westfield State.

Many people have asked me what the point of sleeping out is, and just what we are hoping to accomplish. Some people view it as a meaningless act that will not result in any real change.

We sleep out to show our commitment for strong leadership in Massachusetts against rapid, catastrophic climate change. We sleep out because our homes are powered by dirty electricity, and we oppose its contribution to climate change.

We oppose the fact that by doing such a simple act as typing a paper on our laptops we are contributing to mountaintop removal, unhealthy pollution in the air we breathe, rising sea levels and a host of other problems.

We oppose the fact that the very act of living a normal life means that we are contributing to the destruction of this planet. We believe that it is our right to be able to live in this society without contributing to its destruction.

Throughout the past six months, hundreds of individuals have been participating in these sleep-outs. Hundreds of people have actively demonstrated their moral qualms with sleeping in homes powered by dirty electricity. We have gathered on town commons and campus greens, all drawn together by our desire for a just and stable future.

The power of the Sleep Out is that it is a direct action of protest. It demonstrates to our legislators the depth of our commitment and resolve. We believe that reaching 100% clean electricity in Massachusetts by 2020 is a matter of vital importance. By sleeping out in the wind, rain, snow, and mud we are showing just how seriously we view this cause.

If there is anyone on this campus who believes that this state, this country and this nation deserves a just and stable future than I invite you to come join us this Tuesday to learn more about the Leadership Campaign and make a stand. The good news is that our future is in our own hands; the bad news is that only we can save ourselves.

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Omelets: 40lbs of eggs a day

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kitchen during his first year of employment, he has been making omelets, Monday through Friday, for the past two years. We are looking at a possibility of over 54,000 omelets from the start of his career. Needless to say, Eric Lemire is a master of omeletry or omeletronics, which ever you prefer.

"The key is to make sure the pans don't stick," said Eric. "If the pans don't stick and you cook them at the right temperature, then the omelet comes out pretty good and the kids are happy."

Eric is usually making about four to five omelets at once; with speed, precision, and a strong sense of when to flip, fold, and serve – Eric has the process down to a science.

It starts with your toppings, some students pick them all, and some keep it simple.

"I make sure to always get both meats [bacon and ham]," said Tyler. "It makes for a really hearty omelet to start the day off with."

Eric tosses the toppings into a small pan, squirts some oil in, and moves the pan down the assembly line. "Next?" Then the next person in line explains what they would like and Eric repeats the process.

The pans start to cook down each topping in the oil. The smells raise the level of anxiety, as you can't wait for the finished product.

Eric adds a ladle of egg mixture into the pan and it begins to sizzle and set. He then moves to the next dish and ladles egg in, then moves back to the toppings area and starts up another pan.

As both pans with the eggs begin to set, Eric takes his spatula and lifts the egg mixture up, while he tilts the pan to make sure the remaining egg mixture reaches the pan - ensuring that all of the egg is fully cooked.

The next two moves are critical, its make or break from here on out.

At this point, the omelet has fully set up, and it is now time for the almighty flip – which never seems to work in your own kitchen, but Eric again seems to have the magic touch - he lifts the pan in a jerking forward and back method to flip the omelet head over heals and it safely lands back in the pan.

Cheese is then placed, the omelet is folded over, and the melting process begins – placing a smaller pan over the top of the omelet, creating an enclosed space for steam and heat to work hand in hand to melt the cheese – the omelet is then served.

"Have a great day man," says Eric as he moves back down to the beginning of the assembly line to keep the process going.

From about 7:30am to 10:30am, Monday through Friday, that's where you will find him – satisfying on average 117 students a day.

Now, back to those numbers again - 40lbs of egg is being used a day – granted that it is the bagged egg mix; we are still looking at about 320 eggs used.

Whereas some students might complain that the fact that bagged egg mix is not their preference, what must be understood is that in terms of safety, bagged egg is the way to go when you're using 40lbs.

Why, you might be asking? One word: Salmonella.

Given that salmonella can lurk within the actual eggs shell, it is a complete safety hazard to be cracking that many eggs a day.

"When you are serving 117 people a day, you can't make mistakes," said Ed Kender, the Dinning Commons executive chef.

"Its funny," said Tyler. "When you think about making omelets, you don't think about a possible safety hazard."

So beyond the efforts of just the egg, what about all of those toppings that are being used?

"They are all hand cut each day," said Ed.

Four pounds of onions, mushrooms, spinach, broccoli and tomatoes, three pounds of mozzarella, three and a half pounds of cheddar cheese, three and a half pounds of ham, and five pounds of bacon, all used on a daily basis.

"It's nice that we have the ability in such a small facility to do custom work," said Ed.

After working at Providence College for ten years, Ed's appreciation for our smaller facility is strong.

"It's pretty amazing that they have the ability to do this," said Tyler. "Every student has the ability to chose; life is about choices."

Editor's Desk

Hello!

This is the last edition that Matt Castonguay and I will oversee as Co-Editor-in-Chiefs. Alex Myers and Saro Fahey will bravely take over the newspaper from next week until the end of the semester!

We've had a great run this year and have been very lucky to have so many great editors and writers jump on board to help make the newspaper possible. Thank you to all who have contributed this year!

I'd also like to thank our wonderful advisors, Professors Brewster and Layng. They've supported us and always been optimistic and enthusiastic about what we're doing. We're incredibly lucky to have such great advisors. Thank you SO much to both of you for everything!

It's bittersweet to sit here and know this is the last time I'll be writing an editor's desk. While I'm excited to graduate and begin the next phase of my life, I'll also miss our great times in the office and all of the amazing friends I've made throughout this whole process. ☺ Thank you in particular to Matt, Deb, Franny and Teresa for putting up with my craziness and dedicating so much time and effort in to the paper.

So this is my final farewell. Good luck to all whether you're graduating or just getting through the semester! And of course, good luck to Alex and Sam as they embark on their own journalism journey. Hopefully next time you see me it'll be in the *New York Times*!

Cait Penndorf
Editor-in-Chief

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Australian environment

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involvement as possible; Australians believe that a healthy landscape is one where humans act as land managers.

Therefore, they are much more involved with hunting and introducing species and diseases that will help control populations of both invasive and, in some cases, native species.

A united effort by individuals, conservation groups, and the government manages the invasive species and a campaign by The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service sets out to make sure no more species are introduced through public awareness of the issue.

A past success was the Australian Dung Beetle Project, which ran for twenty years starting in 1965: twenty-three species of dung beetle were introduced to decimate the population of bush flies that used the dung to feed and breed.

The beetles carried the dung out of pasture and buried it, so in time the bush fly population fell by a whopping 90% and the soil quality returned because of the recycled dung.

The project was conducted by those at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) and serves as an example for what can be achieved with a set goal and successful implementation.

Sure, climate change and emissions are areas worth paying attention to for Australia, especially in the coming years. But they are, and still will be for years to come, very involved in the invasive species battle.

Westfield's Parenzo Gym

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by, more and more students pile in. As the winning team generally keeps playing after each game, "We've got winner" is the common way of solidifying the fact that you will place next.

If you had never seen a game of basketball, for that matter, or never even heard of it –you would probably categorize this as madness. Balls are shot from all areas on the court, defense is generally played only once the opposing team is setting up to score, and the ball has to be dribbled while moving; and don't forget the rules…you cannot touch the other player when he shoots.

Yet it is the complete opposite; everyone moves with a purpose –to get open, to set a pick, to score, to run a play –it is like putting together a puzzle every time you cross the half court line. The answer to the puzzle lies in how your execute your play, whom the ball is passed to, and who gets open. Intensity, precision, skill and leadership are completely essential to any team that strives for success.

Jay dribbles past half court; a defender plays up close on him, he crosses over to his right, the defender trips up, Jay looks for the open shot, he fakes, and then looks to the post, the defender backs down, the post is open. Pass, lay-up, and score. The play is a success.

"Every time I do a tour with a recruit I show Parenzo," said Coach Bertini. "Every time I do that there are people in there playing."

Bertini was a four year starter for the Owls, when they played their home games in Parenzo. A 1996 WSC graduate and a Westfield Athletics Hall of Fame inductee, Bertini's three-point shooting ability helped lead her team to two NCAA tournaments.

"I was a player who shot a lot," said Coach Bertini. "The rims were and are very friendly and because of the closeness of the walls you always feel you can hit a shot from anywhere."

"I wouldn't give back the Woodward Center because it is so beautiful and I appreciate it everyday," said Coach Bertini.

Although at the same time, she explained that she will forever look back on Parenzo with a lot of fond memories.

"It is fun to remember the fun and success we had in that gym," she stated.

In discussion of renovation for Parenzo, Jay sees no point.

"I think renovating the gym would be cool, but it is not exactly necessary, if its not broken there is no need to fix it," said Jay. "I think the age and smell of the place adds character to the gym."

As the night boils down, up to nine hours later, the orchestra packs up as the volume is turned down and the thunder fades away. Everything will start back up tomorrow, same time, same place, different teams and different faces.

Editor's Desk

Hello!

So next week Cait Penndorf and Matt Castonguay hand in their keys and pass the titles of Editor-in-chief down to Alex Myers and Sam Fahey. I just want to say what a pleasure it has been being a part of their team this year. You guys are the best and some of the hardest-working people I know! We have had so much fun this year! Some of the funniest (and most stressful) times have been the Wednesday nights we spend in this office! (And of course in our old office!)

This is my last editors desk. After two years of paginating The Voice I walk away with a better understanding of Indesign, Photoshop, and of course, the dreaded Mac computer. I also walk away with some wonderful memories and (insane) amazing friends. Thank you to everyone who has put in the time and effort this year to make this paper what is has become. Cait, Matt, Franny, Sam, Alex, you guys are the best.

Professor Layng and Professor Brewster, thanks for being the greatest advisors and for putting up with the chaos that follows The Voice Staff!

It has been an amazing year! Good luck to Sam and Alex next year!

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REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

NICK ADENHART

Last year, as Major League Baseball reached the end of the new season's first week, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim suffered one of the most devastating kinds of losses, one that went beyond the box score. Rookie starting pitcher Nick Adenhart took the mound for his first start of the 2009 season on April 8 against the Oakland Athletics.

Three hours later, Adenhart had six innings, giving up no runs, striking out five and allowing seven hits in a no decision; a promising start to a promising career. A few hours later, he was gone; the innocent victim in a tragic auto accident. Adenharts death proved to be a rallying point for the aptly named in Angels in 2009 and along with numerous dedications and memorials, the Angels also voted to give Adenharts family a full player share of the playoff revenues, $138,038.57, for the 2009 season.

Nick Adenhart

TITANIC

This week, 98 years ago, one of the greatest disasters in history occurred in the frigid waters just south east of the coast of Newfoundland. The HMS Titanic, the first ship of her kind, thought to be "unsinkable," sank shortly before midnight on April 14 1912.

The wreck is still remembered as one of the deadliest peacetime maritime disasters.

Of the 2,223 people on board the ship, 1,517 of them perished. Most of the survivors were women and children due to protocol of the time of getting women and children into the life boats first. This resulted in a severely disproportionate amount of women to men surviving the incident. Almost immediately following the crash, efforts to salvage the Titanic have been numerous and the intriguing story of the world's most famous ship has resulted in numerous books, stories, and most famously, the 1997 film that shared its name.

Titanic

JACKIE ROBINSON

This week in 1947, the landscape of professional sports and civil rights in the United States changed forever when Jackie Robinson was penciled into the Brooklyn Dodgers opening day lineup for the first time on April 15, 1947.

Robinson, a decorated athlete in just about any sport he tried his hand at growing up, stuck with baseball and eventually made it to the Negro leagues in 1945. He played there for two seasons, making an All-Star game in 1945. Thanks to a push for desegregation, his incredible ability and a fortuitous meeting with the ever imaginative Branch Rickey, Robinson joined the Dodgers for the 1947 season. Robinson fought through racial slurs and hate mail and performed superbly for "Dem bums."

Jackie Robinson

After declining a trade to the Giants, he ended his Hall of Fame career in 1956 a six-time all-star and member of the 1955 World Series championship team.

Behind the Scenes of WSCs *The Vagina Monologues*

By Caitlin Penndorf
Editor in Chief

This article is a behind the scenes look of the Westfield State rendition of The Vagina Monologues that occurred on March 26 and 27, 2010.

"We were worried about vaginas."

"Absolutely amazing." This is how senior Katie Hamilton describes Westfield State's presentation of *The Vagina Monologues.* Hamilton laughs as she pushes her shoulder length brown hair behind her ear, revealing a small diamond stud earring.

This is her second year being involved in the performance and she's also taking on the role of Organizer, meaning she makes the flyers, keeps things moving smoothly and takes responsibility for anything that happens. Quite a big role for the 22-year-old psychology major. Along with holding the position of Organizer, Hamilton is also the President of the Psychology Club, which is how she got involved with *The Vagina Monologues.*

Last year's President of the Psychology Club had asked members of the group if anyone was interested in being in the show. Hamilton took her up on the offer and a year later, she's putting it together.

The Vagina Monologues is a play written by activist and playwright Eve Ensler in 1996. The piece is based on interviews and casual conversation Ensler has had with women regarding relationships, sex, body image and violence against women, amongst other topics that effect women.

According to Hamilton, the production will feature much of the same material as previous years. Viewers can look forward to seeing past crowd favorites such as "the woman who makes vaginas happy" (which Hamilton laughs and describes as "the one with all the moans") and "my angry vagina." They'll also get to see a more serious side of things.

"There's going to be some more emotional pieces, like the spotlight this year is about how to survive teenage sex slavery," says Hamilton, a tone of seriousness washing over her.

"And I think the [V-Day] movement is just like great and what Eve Ensler is doing is amazing," Hamilton says. "She's just advocating for all of these women and girls who've been abused, genitally mutilated…"

"Female genital mutilation has been inflicted on approximately 130 million girls and young women."

"Even though you don't see it around here or in this country, there are several places around the world where this type of violence is taking place and if we don't take action, nothing's really going to be done about it. So it's important for us to raise awareness and money to help women around the world because their countries aren't really doing much about it," said Hamilton, her voice full of hope and optimism.

To first see her, you'd think you were going to engage in a conversation with a demure and quite young woman, with her soft-spoken voice and gentle gestures, but once she opens up, you can see the passion she feels for this cause.

Hamilton's face shows no sign of happiness; no smile lines by her eyes, no curves at the edges of her mouth. She begins to talk about the very reasons why being a part of this production means so much to her.

V-Day is an organization created by Ensler that, according to vday.org, "is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls." This includes "rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM) and sexual slavery."

There are ten other V-Day celebrations occurring in Western Massachusetts alone. The V-Day events span the world, from New Zealand to areas in Taiwan.

Ten percent of the proceeds from the Westfield State rendition of *The Vagina Monologues* will go to this cause, more specifically to a safe house for women in the Congo that will be opening this month.

The other ninety percent of the proceeds will stay local and go to the YWCA New Beginnings in Westfield, which is a place for battered women to seek refuge and receive counseling.

V-Day has been working with the Congo for the past few years. In 2006, Ensler became aware of the sexual torture and humiliation that women and girls face in the Congo. According to the V-Day website, "Hundreds of thousands of women and girls have been raped since the conflict began" and many survivors are shunned by their families and friends because of the incidents.

The campaign launched by Ensler, the V-Day organization, and UNICEF is called "STOP RAPING OUR GREATEST RESOURCE: Power To The Women And Girls Of The Democratic Republic of Congo."

V-Day has also created movements that focused on women of Afghanistan, women of Iraq, women in conflict zones, and women of New Orleans, amongst others. The V-Day organization has raised $70 million to help females all over the world.

"If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?"

Cassandra Clark tucks one foot underneath her as she leans back on the red office chair. This is her second year participating in Westfield State College's rendition of *The*

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Speaker Series Dates

Gender and the Iranian State
Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Scanlon Banquet Hall
Sponsored by the Global Women's History Project

Gloria Steinem
POSTPONED!
May 5, 2010
Reception: 6:00 pm
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Woodward Center

Senior Salute
Congratulations Class of 2010!
Thursday, April 22
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Woodward Center
Second Floor Lounge

Greg Mortenson
Thursday, April 29, 2010
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Location: Woodward Center

Tickets are free for faculty, staff and students, $35 for the general public, and $30 for Westfield State Alumni. Seating is limited.

Commencement speaker: Byron Pitts
CBS News Chief National Correspondent; 60 Minutes Contributer

A&E Quick Info

Top 10 Albums
1. Justin Bieber - My World 2.0
2. Monica - Still Standing
3. Various Artists - NOW 33
4. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
5. Justin Bieber - My World (EP)
6. She & Him - Volume Two
7. Ludacris - Battle of the Sexes
8. Lady Gaga - The Fame
9. Marvin Sapp - Here I am
10. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.

Top 10 Singles
1. Rihanna - Rude Boy
2. B.o.B feat. Bruno Mars - Nothin' On You
3. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
4. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
5. Lady Gaga feat. Beyonce - Telephone
6. Taio Cruz feat. Ludacris - Break Your Heart
7. The Black Eyed Peas - Imma Be
8. Justin Bieber feat. Ludacris - Baby
9. Young Money feat. Lloyd - BedRock
10. Ke$ha - TiK ToK

Top Movies
1. Clash of the Titans
2. Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?
3. How to Train Your Dragon
4. The Last Song
5. Alice in Wonderland

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Jeff Beck - Emotion & Commotion
2. Coheed and Cambria - Year of the Black Rainbow
3. Airbourne - No Guts, No Glory
4. Cypress Hill - Rise Up
5. Ratt - Infestation

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. The Lovely Bones
2. Pirate Radio
3. The Slammin' Salmon
4. Reefer Madness - 75th Anniversary Collector's Edition
5. Avatar

Upcoming Video Games
1. Bonk: Brink of Extinction
2. Spearfishing
3. Rocket Knight
4. NieR Gestalt
5. Dead to Rights: Retribution

Rock Band content
1. Anberlin - Feel Good Drag
2. Hawk Nelson - Live Life Loud
3. Skillet - Monster
4. Superchick - Stand in the Rain
5. Switchfoot - Meant to Live
6. Thousand Foot Krutch - Fire it Up

Guitar Hero 5 content
Fall Out Boy Pack:
1. Thnks fr th Mmrs
2. This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race
3. The Take Over, the Breaks Over

Time Machine

A trip back through Music History

by Franny Zupancic
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Metallica
Metallica
August 13, 1991

Throughout the recent months of "the Time Machine," I've spent my fair share of time knocking Metallica in favor of bands that are arguably more deserving of a Hall of Fame nomination. Despite the disappointing lack of recognition for Motorhead, Iron Maiden, Thin Lizzy, and other bands that have influenced the metal giants, credit shall be given where it is due.

Metallica is the most successful of the "Big Four" of thrash metal (Anthrax, Megadeth, and Slayer being the other three) and while it didn't all begin in 1991, their rapid rise to the top did.

Metallica hasn't released an album—EPs not included—that hasn't gone platinum. Even their most recent release, Orgullo, Pasión y Gloria: Tres Noches en la Ciudad de México, has been certified 2x platinum, despite only being released to Latin America.

Thanks in part to their solid back catalogue, the massive success of 1991's "Metallica," and their four subsequent studio releases, which each debuted at number one, Metallica has sold over 100 million records worldwide.

The four albums that came before "Metallica" were masterpieces in their own rights. Kill Em' All featured the fast, thrashy "Hit the Lights" and the anthemic "Seek & Destroy." Ride the Lightning featured the ominous "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and the suicide ballad, "Fade to Black."

Master of Puppets was Metallica's first gold record and is now generally considered one of the greatest metal albums of all time by peers, critics, and fans. ...And Justice For All features "One," Metallica's first top 40 single, a song inspired by the novel and movie, "Johnny Got His Gun."

1991's "Metallica," often dubbed "The Black Album," however, surpassed all of these in sales thanks to its more commercial approach and radio-friendly singles.

Metallica enlisted producer Bob Rock after being impressed by his work on Motley Crue's Dr. Feelgood, and they began work on what drummer Lars Ulrich predicted would be their 'best record.'

The album began with "Enter Sandman," a metal anthem that became the band's signature song, lyrically revolving around crib death. Rhythm guitarist and singer James Hetfield said the lyrics were written to contradict the 'catchy, commercial' title.

The following song, "Sad But True," turned out to be the album's fifth and final single, and featured the band's lowest guitar tuning to date on an original piece, resulting in a powerful, heavy anthem about drug addiction.

The album featured two notable ballads, one being "Nothing Else Matters." The song features an acoustic guitar riff by James Hetfield written while the guitarist was on the phone with his girlfriend and only had one free hand, as stated by Hetfield in an interview. This riff, reminiscent of the bare-bones guitar work in the Animals' "House of the Rising Sun," and the solo, marks the first Metallica song where Hetfield handled all guitar duties.

San Francisco Symphony Orchestra's Michael Kamen handled orchestral arrangements for the song. The late conductor would return to work with the band in 1999 for their "S&M" project: Symphony & Metallica, a live Metallica concert backed with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. The double-disc release went on to 5x platinum certification.

Metallica - Metallica
1991

The second ballad, "Unforgiven," is the first of a trio of songs. The sequels, "Unforgiven II" and "Unforgiven III," would appear on ReLoad and Death Magnetic, respectively. Unforgiven's intro features a horn from "The Showdown," a composition from the 1965 Eastwood film "For a Few Dollars More."

The song structure is something that is rather uncommon in metal and is something I like to call an 'inverted power ballad.' Typical power ballads have soft verses and a strong or heavy chorus. Unforgiven has heavy verses and a soft chorus.

"The Black Album" has sold over 22 million copies worldwide and launched a streak of consecutive number one studio albums of original material for the band.

Where are they now?
Metallica's "World Magnetic Tour" grossed over $76 million and the band plans to continue touring through August 2010. A tenth album is not immediately planned but when the time comes, they will likely choose Rick Rubin to handle production. Rubin produced Death Magnetic, their number-one album released in 2008, helping make Metallica become the first band to release five consecutive studio albums debuting in the top spot on the Billboard 200 charts.

Metallica was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2009. The induction included original bassist Cliff Burton, who died in a tour bus accident in 1986, former bassist Jason Newsted (1986-2001), and current bassist Robert Trujillo, who joined the band in 2003. Metallica invited original guitarist Dave Mustaine, lead guitarist and front man of Megadeth, to join the ceremony, but Mustaine declined due to touring obligations. Kirk Hammett replaced Mustaine in 1983.

The Vagina Monologues

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Vagina Monologues and her first year directing the production. With her vivacious and personality and her hand gestures that would make you think she grew up in a huge Italian family, Clark's presence is just as bold off stage as it is on.

As director, Clark is not only in charge of keeping the cast in line, she must also make sure everyone involved in the production, even down to the people who are tearing tickets, know what they're job is.

She also makes sure that things are set to Eve Ensler's standards, whether it be the annunciation of words or the cast must read from black books rather than memorizing their lines.

"That's one of the things that Eve Ensler likes... that way the message is sent out, rather than people trying to remember lines and like 'flubbing' it up."

Even though the cast doesn't have to memorize their lines, they still need to practice. In the beginning of the semester the group practiced once a week and then added another day on in February as people

The show has a particular feel and it's the director's job to make sure that feeling is conveyed.

The one thing the cast doesn't want is the piece to come off as if the audience is being lectured about feminism.

"It's not a lecture, it is entertainment with a purpose," explains Clark profoundly.

Her almond shaped eyes curve up into a smile as she leans back into the chair.

When asked about her favorite monologue, Clark couldn't decide and explained she had two favorites: *My Angry Vagina* and *My Vagina Was a Village*.

My Angry Vagina focuses on the troubles females deal with on a day-to-day basis, such as tampons and gynecological visits, in a humorous way.

My Vagina Was a Village is a monologue about rape victims in Kosovo and how a young woman's view of her body has changed since the act.

It's no surprise that Clark has a vested interest in women's affairs from around the world; she has a communication and culture focus and a gender and ethnic studies minor.

She does realize that not everyone may be as aware as she is, which is one reason she feels *The Vagina Manologues* are so important.

"There's concentration on the war in Iraq, there's concentration on Haiti and of course those are important things to be knowledgeable about but this is another kind of war and no one is talking about it," Clark explains, a serious look on her face. She fidgets with the end of her grey sleeve.

Both Clark and Hamilton both have a vested interest in the war against ending violence toward women and that passion is evident when they speak about the rape, genital mutilation and abuse that many women around the world face every day.

The show features a plethora of monologues that will evoke happiness, laughter, sadness and pain.

Each piece fits together to create one production that is said to put the audience on a rollercoaster of emotions.

So when it comes down to it, what's the best way to describe *The Vagina Monalagues*?

"A celebration of womanhood at it's finest," says Clark as she leans back to finish off her bag of M&Ms. And celebrate they shall.

Spring Weekend 2010 Schedule, Information and Regulations

This year Spring Weekend will take place on campus Friday - Saturday, April 23 - 24. The Westfield State College Campus Activities Board will be presenting a number of contemporary music performances and other activities primarily for the benefit of students and their guests but all members of the College community are welcome to attend at no cost except where food and beverage charges are appropriate.

Westfield State College Policy shall be enforced during Spring Weekend same as any other day on campus. Persons exhibitingdisorderliness, intoxication, or any conduct in violation of College Policy may be immediately removed from any event and are subject to immediate removal from campus, protective custody, arrest and other appropriate College and legal action.

All student conduct proscriptions, limitations and guidelines, shall be strictly enforced as articulated in the current *Westfield State College Student Handbook*.

In addition to College Policy enforcement, the following special regulations apply from Friday, April 23 at 12:00 p.m. through Sunday, April 25 at 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Event Attendance

Spring Weekend events are solely intended for members of the College community and their invited guests; therefore, Spring Weekend events are not open to the public.

Furthermore, while there is no charge for admission to events, attendance at all indoor and outdoor venues will be monitored and controlled to ensure safety and order.

College faculty/staff and student attendees are expected to present a valid Westfield State College ID upon request of officials.

New or replacement College ID's and validation stickers are available in advance of the weekend at the Campus Card Office (Wilson Hall, Room 140B) during posted business hours but will not be available during the weekend.

Guests

Students are welcome to bring one non-WSC guest who is registered in advance. Guest registration takes place from Monday, March 29 – Friday, April 16 at the Ely Campus Center Service Window during posted business hours. Student hosts must register their guest in advance in order to receive an authorized Spring Weekend guest wristband.

Hosts are expected to escort their guests while on campus and to take responsibility for their guest's behavior.

Unescorted guests may be asked by College officials to leave campus and to not return for the duration of Spring Weekend.

Legal Beverages

WSC students shall present valid Westfield ID and a valid U.S. state-issued ID or a valid driver's license to enter a legal beverage concession area to purchase and/or consume alcoholic beverages.

All others shall present a valid U.S. state-issued identification card or valid driver's license.

Alcoholic beverage service and consumption shall be confined to areas designated by the College.

Alcoholic beverage containers including but not limited to individual containers, kegs and coolers are prohibited in public areas of the campus including all buildings, grounds, parking lots, walkways, courtyards, and roadways.

Alcoholic beverages shall not be transported to or from any program area on campus.

Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance to all events and/or residence halls.

Meals

Friday, April 23

-Dinner – Popcorn chicken wraps, Buffalo chicken pizza, white pizza with broccoli, cheese pizza, chicken patties, grilled cheese, curly fries, tacos, baked potato bar, fruit bar, salad bar, ice cream with toppings

-Midnight Breakfast – Pancakes with syrup, toppings and juice

Saturday, April 24

Day/Date	Event Schedule	Location
Friday, April 23		
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Themed Dinner	Dining Commons
9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Ronnie Jordan, Comedian	Ely Main Lounge
10:30 p.m. -12:00 a.m.	Brown Bag Bingo	Ely Main Lounge
12:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Midnight Breakfast	Ely Main Lounge
Saturday, April 24		
10:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Ely Main Lounge
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Jim Hewitt	Campus Green *
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	BBQ Lunch	Campus Green **
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Novelties	Campus Green ***
12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Beer & Wine Concession	Campus Green ***
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Beat Surrender, Battle of the Bands winner	Campus Green *
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Brian Stokes/Andy Tarara	Campus Green *
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Less Than Jake, Headliner	Campus Green *
4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Commons

Rain sites: * = Woodward Center, ** = Dining Commons, * = Cancelled**

-Continental Breakfast – Cereal, bagels, fruit, juice, milk

-BBQ Lunch – Hamburgers, grilled chicken, veggie burgers, pasta salad, green bean salad, sliced watermelon, oranges and bananas, brownies, cookies and beverages

-Dinner – Regular dinner service in the Dining Commons

Meal Tickets

Complimentary meal tickets are available at the Dining Commons, Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 23 for all persons on a WSC Meal Plan. Persons not on a Meal Plan may purchase Spring Weekend meal tickets at the Campus Center Service Window (Ely main level) from Tuesday, April 20 through Friday, April 23 during posted business hours.

Meal tickets will also be sold at the Campus Green on Saturday, April 24.

-Meal tickets are required for guests of Courtney Hall, Davis Hall, Dickinson Hall, Lammers Hall and Scanlon Hall residents (4/23 Dinner, 4/24 Lunch & Dinner ($21.50).

Meal ticket sales are final - no refunds will be issued. Checks are to be made payable to the *WSC Student Government Association*.

Motor Vehicles

The following special regulations are in effect relative to motor vehicles:

Guest vehicles may occupy faculty/staff or visitor parking spaces, however, student vehicle use of faculty/staff or visitor parking space is prohibited at all times.

Overnight occupancy in motor vehicles is prohibited on campus.

Residence Halls

These policies are in effect from 12 p.m. on Friday, April 23 to 12 p.m. on Sunday, April 25:

-Only current WSC students and registered Spring Weekend guests may visit residence halls on campus during this time period.

-Residents are expected to present their validated WSC ID when entering a residence hall.

-Guests of residents on campus April 23 - 25 must be at least 18 years of age and must be signed-in by a resident of the residence hall to enter that hall.

-Guests are required to present a valid U.S. state-issued photo identification (or valid motor vehicle operator's license) and an authorized and properly affixed guest wristband.

-Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance to all residence halls.

Woodward Center (Rain site for April 24 Spring Weekend concert only)

Students and registered guests attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center are directed to park at 333 Western Avenue (Horace Mann Center) or the Commuter Parking Lot.

A valid WSC ID or Spring Weekend guest wristband is required to enter the concert area at the Woodward Center.

Individuals attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center must enter and exit the facility using only the main front or rear entrances.

Side exits at the Field House are for emergency use only.

Food, beverages, beverage containers and any type of bag/backpacks are not permitted inside the Saturday concert area at the Woodward Center.

Smoking is prohibited inside of the Woodward Center and within 50 feet of the outside of the building.

Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 14th

Parenzo Gym

1-7pm

Sign up in the DC the week of April 5th

Walk-ins welcome

Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay

If you call yourself a sports fan and you can't get excited over this week (er, by the time you kids get your paws on it, the week that was/is almost done)then something is wrong with you. First of all, the NCAA title game just concluded and who

Butler looked good early and honestly, a lot of people would have thought you were crazy if you said the Bulldogs would be within a point of mighty Duke at the half. Duke struggled early from 3pt range and Butler murdered them on the boards, pulling down 12 offensive rebounds to Duke's three.

The second half started out with much less of a Cinderella feel as it was the Dukies commanding the boards and using their uncanny ability to draw fouls to get Butler in trouble. Still, the Butler Bulldogs were able to cut the Duke lead to a point with 49 seconds to play and it really felt like the sequel to Hoosiers.

As Gordon Heywood's half court desperation heave got rim and fell to the floor, the Cinderella dream went with it but not enough can be said about this Butler team. Duke may be crowned NCAA Champions but Butler and the Horizon League who proved unequivocally that they belong and can hang with these big conference schools and that they deserve to be regarded in the same esteem despite their regular season schedules.

Enough about basketball; how 'bout some baseball? Monday was, normally, for me a holiday. Nothing is better than the annual food and beer fest in front of a television with nothing but baseball on it from noon until midnight on Opening Day. Technically, the games on Monday weren't the first game of the season (that of course, took place at the Fens on Sunday night) but that was still Opening Day.

And what a day it was. Whether it was Pujols going deep twice, Jason Heyward homering in his first big league at-bat, Mark Buerhle's ridiculous play in the Chi Sox game or Shawn Marcum's near no-no against the Rangers, it was certainly worth calling out sick for.

Personally, I think this coming year is going to be one of the best in recent memory. So many young players looking to make a splash, it's no wonder so many people are pumped for it. Jason Heyward, the Atlanta Braves rookie slugger, has already made waves, hitting a dinger in his first big league at-bat. Cuban defector Aroldis Chapman, the lefty with 100mph+ gas and a nasty breaking ball will make his debut (more than likely) before my birthday (June 3rd) for the Cincinnati Reds and of course, there is the highly-touted, savior-in-the-making in Washington, Stephen Strasburg who, like Chapman, will make his debut some time before June.

Besides it being one of the most intriguing rookie classes in years, there is parody this year in the big leagues. Well, everywhere except the AL East. The Yankees and Red Sox will still be the class of the AL with the Tampa Bay Rays nipping close at their heels; the Cardinals will continue to pace the NL Central and the Phillies will win the NL East. Other than that, it's pretty much a crap shoot.

In the AL Central, I still think Minnesota is the team to beat, even though many "experts" are claiming their in trouble with the loss of Joe Nathan. I'm not saying that you find Joe Nathan's anywhere; I'm just saying that if anyone can figure out how to fill that void, it's the twinkies. Jon Rauch will do a serviceable job and the Twins will be fine.

The AL West is interesting this year because for the first time in while, the Angles are not the prohibitive favorites. The Seattle Mariners loaded up this off season, making deals for Cliff Lee (who will settle in nicely behind Felix Hernandez in the rotation) and Chone Figgins from Anaheim.

The Angels lost ace John Lackey, Vladimir Guerrero and the before mentioned Figgins and only brought in Joel Pinero to fill the hole. Needless to say, the Angels are in trouble because the Rangers and M's weren't all that behind to begin with.

My favorite division to watch this summer is going to be National League West. It's wide open.

The Giants, Dodgers and Rockies all have a fighting chance at taking the division. San Francisco has the best pitching, Colorado, the best offense and the Dodgers, the most well-rounded team in the division. I'm going to take the San Francisco Giants here because I love their pitching staff. Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain and Barry Zito are a formidable top three; throw last year's big story Jonathan Sanchez behind them and you've got arguably the best 1-4 in the game, except for perhaps the Red Sox. I can't wait to see the Giants in the post-season this year. The world is not only ready, but deserves to see Tim Lincecum pitch in a big game.

And as I approach the end of my allotted space for this week, I can't not mention the Masters and the return of Tiger Woods before leaving. I personally don't believe that Tiger will make a run at this years Masters. I think you're winner will be someone who's won on tour already this year. Camillo Villegas, Ryan Moore and Jim Fuyrk are the three guys I'm watching most closely this week. They have all been on fire this year and I don't see why they'd cool off going into one of the biggest tournaments of the year. I'd love to see Lefty or Rory McIlroy make a run at it but it's not going to happen.

Will it be exciting? I think so; but I love golf and oddly enough, watching golf on TV is something I particularly enjoy so this is not going to be torture no matter who wins. I'm just glad were out of the woods for snowfall in Massachusetts and that Summer is (almost) here.

That's it for now kids. Only a few more installments for me until the real world comes calling; still debating what I want to do for the last piece. I'm thinking a mailbag?

You know what that means! Send me your thoughts on anything and everything and I'll do my best to get it run. As always, keeps those heads on a swivel and watch the beverage, man.

Westfield State College sports roundup

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's softball team swept Fitchburg State in a double-header last Friday afternoon to extend its winning streak to five games and improve to 10-4 on the season. Westfield won game one of the double-header 15-0 and game two 6-1.

Ashtyn Welcome pitched the first game of the double-header for the Owls and allowed no runs and just four hits while striking out 11 batters.

Cassy Jouannet led Westfield at the plate with three bits and two runs scored. Kim Brennan added two hits, two runs and three RBIs and Kerin DeGirolamo had two hits, three runs and two RBIs for the Owls.

Madeline Tomich pitched in game two for Westfield and allowed just one run on one hit while striking out 11 batters as well. Alicia Gardner went 3-3 for the Owls with one run scored and Gia Calabrese went 2-4 with one run and three RBIs, including her third homerun of the season.

Westfield will play a home double-beader against Worcester State on Saturday, April 10 beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Westfield's baseball team had a 10 game winning streak snapped on Monday with a 9-8 loss to Western Connecticut. The Owls did sweep Fitchburg State in a double-beader last Friday however and their record stands at 13-4 on the season.

Westfield defeated Fitchburg in the first game of the double-header sweep 3-0. Aaron Messier (4-0) pitched for the Owls and allowed no runs and five hits in six innings to pick up his fourth win of the season. Phil Towne pitched a scoreless seventh inning for Westfield to pick up his fourth save of the season.

Ben Wagner went 2-4 with two RBIs for Westfield and Jeff Fields went 2-2 with two runs scored.

Westfield shutout Fitchburg State once again in the second game of the double-header, winning by a score of 5-0.

Bob Sinopoli (3-0) allowed just one hit in four innings to earn his third win of the season. Kevin Lyons led the Owls at the plate, picking up two hits, one run and three RBIs.

Westfield will play a home double-header against Worcester State on Saturday, April 10 beginning at 12:00 p.m.

WSC's women's lacrosse team defeated Fitchburg State last Saturday night by a score of 18-12 to improve to 4-1 on the season.

Carly Keely led Westfield with six goals while Laura Chiricosta added two goals and seven assists. Rachel Dionne also had four goals and one assist for the Owls. Goaltender Britta Anderson had 11 saves in net for Westfield.

The Owls will face Castleton State at home on Saturday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Westfield State's men's spring track and field team placed second overall in the Coast Guard Invitational last Saturday.

Senior Marc Gomes won the 200 meter dash in a time of 22.17 and freshman Justin Ehrhardt finished first in the shot put with a throw of 45-11 ¾

Senior Brandon Palmer placed second in the 110 hurdles, third in the high jump and sixth in the long jump while junior Robert Archambault finished second in the shot put, third in the discus and third in the hammer throw.

Westfield's women's spring track and field team placed fourth overall in the Coast Guard Invitational.

Senior Kerry Arouca came in first in the 3,000 steeplechase. Sophomore Laura Poore placed second in the triple jump, third in the 200 and fourth in the 100 meter dash.

Amy Wing placed second in the high jump while Rachel Ryan placed second in the shot put, fifth in the javelin and fifth in the hammer throw.

Both the men's and women's spring track teams will compete in the Wesleyan Invitational on Saturday, April 10.

Check back next week to see how all of Westfield's spring sports teams faired in their games.

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Cassy Jounnet had a perfect day at the plate with four hits in four at bats.

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Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
You might be feeling a little too aggressive or ambitious. If you find yourself encountering some real chances to improve things for yourself, just be careful that you don't end up burning too many bridges behind you.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You need to try to deal with any difficult people as quickly as you possibly can. Any troublesome issues could get out of hand if you don't make an effort to handle things carefully this week. You could be feeling a little irritable yourself at the moment. Just try not to let other people's anger or hostility get under your skin.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
You might be feeling a little intense and if you're not careful, you could end up involved in some sort of dispute over money before the week is through. If you do find yourself getting into some conflicts with certain people, try to resolve things the best you can.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
It might seem like everybody wants your attention and you hardly have any time left for yourself. Sometimes you might have to put your own needs first and if you give in to everyone else's demands on your time this week, you'll probably end up regretting it.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You might find yourself resenting some of your obligations and you might even end up getting into some conflicts with some people you've got to do things for this week. You really shouldn't be afraid to accept all the duties and obligations that may be coming your way at the moment.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Be aware that your creative energies could really be at their peak right now. So if there's anything you do to express yourself that's at all artistic, now's a good time to focus your attention on it.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
There could be some conflicts between your work or other responsibilities and some family obligations. Try to do your best to take care of all your duties right now. It'll be up to you to try to find a way to make everyone happy or you'll be the one who ends up getting caught in the middle.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Just realize that if you allow yourself to dwell on any sort of negative issues this week, you could end up missing out on some important opportunities right now. You might be inclined to be a little quarrelsome or opinionated at the moment.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You should have the opportunity to have some interesting new insights at the moment. But you could also be feeling a little in the dark at times and there could be a bit of confusion to deal with when it comes to a variety of different matters.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
Before moving forward with any of your plans, just be sure that you and the people around you really do understand each other as well as you think. You need to make certain that anyone you're counting on for support right now is truly reliable.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
You might find that you'll have to keep any issues or complaints to yourself for the time being. Making a concerted effort to really focus on the tasks at hand should help you to better manage any problems that you might be facing at this time. So just try to harness all your energies to help you overcome any obstacles.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

BLT Pasta Salad

Ingredients

1 (16 ounce) package medium shell pasta
1 pound bacon
1 1/2 cups light Ranch-style salad dressing
1 small onion, chopped
2 tomatoes, chopped

Directions

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.
Add the pasta, and cook until done. Drain, and rinse under cold water.
Cook the bacon in until browned and crisp. (Remove from the pan and drain on paper towels.)
In a large bowl, stir together the Ranch dressing, onion, and tomatoes.
Mix in the cooled pasta.
Refrigerate for several hours or overnight.
Crumble bacon over the top just before serving.

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Fire on Tekoa Mountain

A good reminder on fire safety as summer approaches

By Caitlin Penndorf
Voice Reporter

If you've stepped foot on campus this week then you've experienced it. The smoke and smog that engulfs you as you walk across the campus. That scratchy, raw feeling in your throat, making you feel as if your allergies just took a turn for the worst.

Allergies aren't to blame, however. What you're experiencing is the brush fire on Tekoa Mountain.

Right now, it's Tuesday afternoon. As of this moment, firefighters have declared that the fire grew another 40 to 45 acres last night, according to Masslive.com.

It's also been announced that an estimated 195 acres has been affected by the flames and that no property has been threatened.

The fire reportedly began on Saturday and spread roughly 25 acres by Monday. This is presumed to be an effect of the strong wind we experienced over the weekend and early this week.

Firefighters have been attempting to contain the fire and cut down the trees that have continued to burn and smolder, according to Masslive.

Massachusetts Army National Guard helicopter crews were also called in to douse the flames on Monday.

This is not Tekoa's first brush fire, however. According to reports, in 1995 the mountain experienced a fire that reportedly burned 587 acres and another four years ago that spread over 1,200 acres.

Many area communities have helped to fight the blaze, including Westfield.

According to the Russell fire department, it is believed that the fire was an accident or caused by careless people utilizing the mountain.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel, so to speak. The end calls for cloudy skies and rain showers, which will help to put the brush fire out.

The firefighting efforts will continue throughout the end of the week.

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services warns that April is the most common month for brush fires because of the unpredictable wind, low humidity, and sunshine. While these concerns focus mostly on open burning procedures, they also hold true for those summer night bonfires.

The following are a few tips from the Department of Fire Services regarding outdoor fires. Remain at the fire until it's fully extinguished or burnt out. Leaving a fire unattended is not a good idea for obvious reasons.

Make sure you have fire control tools, such as a fire extinguisher or hose on hand or near by to ensure you can properly extinguish the fire if there is a need to. A reminder to make sure that your water supply is turned on if you're relying on a hose.

Make sure it's not particularly gusty out when having an outdoor fire. As seen on Tekoa Mountain, this can cause for fire to spread and how do you think your parents will feel if you burn the woods down in your backyard? I'm guessing they wouldn't be too pleased.

If you feel as if the fire is getting out of control and you cannot contain it, get help! This isn't a time to pretend you're a firefighter; call your local fire department.

Photo courtesy of masslive.com

A wildfire on Tekoa Mountain is a good reminder for summer safety.

A world within a world: Backstage at Dever

By Teresa Dollfuss
Voice Reporter

First Impressions

Pitch black with one illuminating light. The one light is the ghost light fixated on stage, a theatre tradition to keep the ghosts out. This is what Dever Auditorium looks like before Tyler Cavanagh enters. Cavenagh, 21, is a junior Music major and director of *Once on This Island*.

His usual bubbly personality shows as he enters the auditorium singing, like he does around campus and most places he goes. Those who know him often hear him breaking out into snippets of songs on a regular basis.

The press of a black button on the rear wall of the auditorium turns on all of the lights, making the place come alive. It's just before five o'clock, and Tyler, of average height and sporting dirty blonde hair, enters the auditorium to get ready for another rehearsal for the spring musical *Once on This Island*.

Wearing a bright yellow polo t-shirt with a long sleeved bright blue shirt underneath and light blue jeans, Tyler walks down the center aisle of the auditorium to take his place behind a collapsible wooden table. There is a bit of an echo, the result of only a few people sitting in the auditorium. Voices carry themselves through the air from the back of the auditorium to the front, usually the other way around in other theatres.

"My experience has been that Dever is acoustically inadequate. As a performer I've had to work harder to produce the right effect for the audience. Personally, I have a loud voice so it's less difficult for me, but it's hard for others," said Cavanagh, who spends about six to eight hours per day in Dever six days a week. "It's a decent space," Cavanagh decides.

Dever houses two Musical Theatre Guild (MTG) productions per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. It is also the main performance space for other clubs on campus such as the Dance Team and Night Owls. It is one of two theatres on campus, the other being the Black Box Theatre on the second floor of Ely.

An Escape

Right now, and most of the time, Dever is chilly, even though you can hear the clacking of the heater at the back of the stage. It sounds like something is loose and about to fall down on top of someone. Some people are sitting in the sea of medium blue seats, still in their winter jackets before rehearsal begins. You can hear the chatter of conversations, as cast members bond before becoming their individual characters. Once rehearsal begins, they all become completely different people.

"It's amazing to have a concept in your head and be able to see it lived out by people who are more than a cast, but who have taken on roles and have god-like abilities to shape an

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4:00 p.m. - Working Class/Socialist Women Activists In Iran', Dr. Janet Bauer; Reformist Women In Iran', Dr. Fatemeh Haghighatjoo
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7:30 p.m. - This Ain't No Viola Joke: Faculty Recital, Sonya Lawson
Dever Stage, Parenzo Hall

8:00 p.m. - MOVIE: Sherlock Holmes w/ Free Food
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, April 17
8:00 p.m. - MOVIE: Sherlock Holmes w/ Free Food Encore
Ely Main Lounge

Yet to act China is hopeful for a greener future

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Back in December, when nation leaders met at the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit, China refused to be a part of international monitoring of emission levels. Some believed that China's lack of cooperation affected the attempts at an international agreement.

Right up there with the U.S. when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions and anthropogenic climate impacts, the economically flourishing country has yet to show signs of commitment in the efforts to stave off those rising emissions. But there are some who hope to spark change in this national behavior.

One outspoken individual is Hu Angang, an economist from Tsinghua University.

He recently wrote a book that devises Chinese strategies for dealing with global climate change, which includes an emission reduction scheme that would apply both internationally and domestically.

Using the Human Development Index (HDI) to split the responsibility,towards emissions into four divisions, the reduction scheme is based around fairness and efficiency; the main group is comprised of 70 countries (which includes about 25% of the world's population) and Hu Angang believes it should be mandatory to create a plan for reducing emissions for these nations.

Both the U.S. and China would be in this first division and each of the other three divisions would be responsible for less and less. China would be divided similarly under the HDI, with Shanghai, Beijing, and the thriving coastal provinces part of the first division.

Right now it's just a blueprint, but Hu Angang is attempting to sort out the dispute over developed and developing countries' responsibility. His is one example of an environmental movement that is growing throughout the country, mostly because China's environmental issues are becoming so serious that it's a problem of national security.

Besides the greenhouse gas releases, China has been hampered with land degradation, a decline in natural forests in the last 50 years, some of the worst water erosion problems on the planet, and trouble with water quality and

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National Security has gotten involved in China due to poor environmental issues.
availability.

It is also the largest producer of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and has worked with the World Bank during the past fifteen years on phasing out ODS - a total of 112,000 tons of Ozone Depletion Potential since 1993.

So with all of those other issues going on, it's surely been tough for China to get things straight with its emissions. China has been growing economically and industrially at a rapid rate in recent years and the prosperity of the environment and future generations is constantly at stake because of this rapid growth.

However, a solid portion of its stimulus package is dedicated to green endeavors and the media has focused on energy efficiency and green technologies in past months.

China will take care of its own first, but it is showing the first signs of taking the dive into international involvement with reducing emissions.

The United States: a welfare-warfare state

By Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

Libertarian economist, historian, and theorist Murray Rothbard once wrote, "The State thrives on war - unless, of course, it is defeated and crushed - expands on it, glories in it."

Rothbard, who considered the state to be a "gang of thieves writ large," spent his life fighting and writing against its current embodiment that he often referred to as a "massive welfare-warfare state."

For Rothbard, welfare and warfare were two interrelated means used by the state to achieve a greater level of control over the economy and civil society. Many of Rothbard's most influential essays were written during the Vietnam War.

Addressing the policies of Lyndon Johnson's administration, Rothbard noted, "The poor are the major victims of the welfare state. The poor are the ones to be conscripted to fight and die at literally slave wages in the Great Society's imperial wars. The poor are the ones to lose their homes to the bulldozer of urban renewal…"

Moving forward four decades, poor and working class Americans continue to be the major victims in terms of the human cost of war and those most impacted by the state's policies. The total cost of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars will soon reach $1 trillion. The average American taxpayer's share of the cost comes out somewhere in the range of $7,300.

The $1 trillion figure is a conservative one when taking into consideration that it doesn't include long-term costs or interest on the debt incurred. The price of the escalating war in Afghanistan is skyrocketing. When Congress approves the sought-after $35 billion in supplemental funds, it will bring the total amount spent on the war for 2010 to over $100 billion.

Chalmers Johnson, an author and President of the Japan Policy Institute, who has painstakingly researched and documented the nearly 1,000 U.S. military facilities around the world, claims that maintaining this informal global empire alone costs over $200 billion annually. Such costs constitute a major source of welfare for the military-industrial-complex.

Fortunately for the state's administrators, their policies and wars are not directly financially dependent on collecting revenue from the taxpayers.

The Federal Reserve has made bankrolling foreign interventionism much easier and enabled it to a certain degree through currency manipulation and delaying the consequences of unsound monetary policies.

It is no coincidence that the number of "foreign entanglements" increased dramatically after the creation of the Fed in 1913.

Even so, today the dollar is becoming increasingly tied to China and Japan's willingness to continue buying U.S. Treasuries. National debt is over $12 trillion and this year's budget deficit topped $1.5 trillion.

At the end of the first quarter, the national debt was equal to 87.3 percent of the Gross Domestic Product and over 56 percent of it is held by the public.

Forecasts predict that the interest payments on the public held portion of the debt alone will be equal to nearly 20 percent of federal revenues by 2020.

Harvard historian Niall Ferguson noted that staggering fiscal numbers such as these "cannot erode U.S. strength on their own, but they can weaken a long-assumed faith in the United States' ability to weather any crisis."

Austrian economist Ludwig Von Mises, a professor of Murray Rothbard's, once wrote, "The state can be and has often been in the course of history the main source of mischief and disaster."

As the United States' finances move deeper into the red, it will be the poor and average Americans that will continue to be hit the hardest by spiraling deficits, increasing debt, and the depreciating dollar.

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President Obama and Russian President Medvedev sign treaty.

The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

If the American public has been upset with President Obama's policies and actions since taking office, they certainly cannot be mad at him for his involvement in the Nuclear Security Summit that convened earlier this week.

The summit was very successful, with Mexico, the United States, and Canada reaching an agreement on removing the highly enriched uranium in Mexico. Instead, Mexico's nuclear research reactor will be changed from highly enriched uranium to lower grade of uranium which will lower the threat of nuclear weaponry that could get in the hands of terrorists.

Right now, the biggest nuclear threat is from terrorist organizations as opposed to major superpowers. The summit also resulted in Canada and Ukraine agreeing to lower their highly enriched uranium. Last week, Obama also signed a treaty with Russia which included the limit of nuclear weapons for both the U.S. and Russia.

It is about time that someone did something about the possibility of terrorist organizations using nuclear weapons in a highly destructive way. Obama deserves the praise on this one. Yes, he has not made the most popular decisions in his last year and he is not always the answer for everything either. But Obama initiated this summit and with such great results, he can definitely be applauded for his involvement.

He also asserted that the United States alone cannot work towards limiting nuclear weapons. Rather, as Obama said, "I believe strongly that the problems of the 21st century cannot be solved by any one nation acting in isolation -- they must be solved by all of us coming together."

This summit was an example of many nations coming together to address these problems. Its success just shows how working diplomatically can be such a great asset to the world. Kudos to you, Obama.

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Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Co-Editor-InChief

President Obama and the Russian president Dmitry Medvedev met last week and signed a treaty to cut nuclear arms.

Masslive.com reports that it is "the biggest nuclear arms pact in a generation."

Many feel it is for the betterment and security of the world, but others are saying we are now less safe and the president is setting us up for some real trouble later on.

The treat basically was for the reduction of nuclear weapons on both sides and also to ensure that the United States would not evocate a nuclear strike against any nation unless that nation also had nuclear weapons.

So for example, if China with 1.2 billion people decided to attack the United States, us having only 300 million in comparison, we could not use nuclear weapons to defend ourselves if China didn't have any.

Even if THEY attacked US first. Absurdity.

The treaty was really nothing but hype as the United States will defend itself against any nation with or without nuclear weapons since that is the only logical thing to do.

Then again, sometimes President Obama doesn't always do the logical thing. In fact, he does the opposite.

How many more nuclear weapons do we really need anyway?

We already have enough to blow up the world time and time again so saying in a treaty that we need to cut the production of them really doesn't affect us much at all.

The nuclear summit that the president is holding now is for what is going to be done with nuclear waste.

They want to make sure it is disposed of properly and that it doesn't get into the hands of anyone that should not have it.

It is also more or less about talking to the leaders of other nations to tell them what was accomplished in this treaty and how to keep nuclear weapons out of the hands of terrorists.

I can agree with not wanting terrorists to have nuclear weapons. I don't want to die.

But Obama is trying to unite the world against countries like Iran who don't care what the world thinks and continue to move forward and attempt to produce nuclear weapons.

I don't think us signing a treaty with other countries (other than Iran) will/can do anything to stop it.

It appears that all of the nations agree that rouge countries like Iran who refuse to listen will be an irresponsible country and shouldn't have any nuclear weapons.

However, I am sure they are trying to come up with a plan just in case Iran does get a bomb...

Many countries believe we should just leave everyone alone and let them do what they please. Other countries want and need our help.

I will say, though, that it will definitely be interesting to see if anything of any value comes from this summit.

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Student of the Week

Robbie Donoghue
Communication
Freshman

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Jack Bauer AKA Keifer Sutherland

If you could only listen to three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
Drake, Taylor Swift, and Boys Like Girls. Such variety.

What's the last movie you saw in theaters?
...I can't remember.

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?
That it doesn't cost $50 thousand a year. And I love the campus.

What's your favorite meal?
Easy. Chicken Parm.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
Attend Law school...or work at a newspaper covering sports.

Is your bed made right now?
Haha, good one.

What is your favorite material object?
My autographed Ted William's baseball.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
I just became Sports Editor for the *Voice*.

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Backstage at Dever

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space," said Cavanagh.

Sitting through a rehearsal gives the illusion of a world within a world. It becomes a different time and place occupied by all different kinds of people. All of the outside world disappears and nothing else seems to matter.

"As soon as you set foot into the theatre, it's like you've entered an entirely separate world away from all of the difficult things you have to deal with in everyday life," said Kasey Sheehan, 20, a junior Theatre Arts major and stage manager for Once on this Island.

As a stage manager, she spends a great deal of time at rehearsals, and more importantly, a great deal of time in the rehearsal space. Dever has become a type of escape for her. It's a place where she can forget about the difficulties of classes or roommate problems.

"You enter a world that is anything you want it to be and everything you need it to be to keep you sane," said Sheehan.

Ins and Outs

The stage itself is painted black, although the paint is chipping, revealing the original floor coloring. Originally, the floor was a light brown wooden color with a coating of varnish on top. It was later painted black to make it look more professional and to hide various paint stains. The proscenium itself has some interesting characteristics as well, according to Cavanagh.

"I don't like the proscenium. It looks like a scary face. The two Westfield State emblems are the eyes, the three acoustic shells are the jagged, crooked teeth, the ghost light the tongue. The proscenium itself has a large froggish mouth," said Cavanagh.

Turning left on the stage leads you to a small space on the side of the stage, known as the stage left wing. That's where you will find the fly system, which controls objects that are raised and lowered during a show. Turning right leads you to a larger space, known as the stage right wing. On this side of the stage, there is a gray door that you walk through into a hallway that will lead you into the dressing rooms.

The wooden door marked "Dressing Room" with a window in the center is where you will find people preparing for a show, whether it's people from the Music Department or from the Musical Theatre Guild. There are five mirror stations, where people can prepare hair and makeup, as well as mirrors in the small bathroom off to the side of the dressing room.

"This one time I walked into the dressing room and reached for the light switch on the wrong side. I realized I hadn't been there in a week and had a freak out," said Cavanagh, which shows how often he is in Dever.

Around the corner from the dressing room is a set of gray stone stairs leading upward. Once up the stairs, you see a second dressing room, resembling the one on the bottom floor. Turning to your left, there is another set of small steps leading up to the catwalk, where all the lighting instruments are.

When entering the catwalks, you have to duck down so that you don't hit your head on a long beam. There are two sets of catwalks, the second one directly behind the other. A variety of different lighting instruments are displayed up here, tied to gray pipes with black cables.

Looking down on the auditorium from this height gives the person a perfect bird's eye view. They can see people sitting in the dark blue seats; and those people won't know they're up there. The stage is also visible.

Standing up here, the sounds of chatter resonate, and you can hear Cavanagh speak, initiating the start of rehearsal. A hush falls over the cast.

Editor's Desk

Oh my gosh! My first Editor's Desk! I honestly never thought that I would have my name in a paper, never mind be the Editor of one!!

I really have to thank Cait, Matt, Deb, and Franny for everything they've taught me. I'm pretty sure I've learned more over the past year than I've ever learned about anything. And it's been an absolute blast.

I know that things over the next few weeks are going to be crazy and hard but I am confident in Alex and in myself and hope together we can make the Editors before us really proud!

Now before I go, I have to say FOLLOW US on Twitter and Facebook!! We're going to start sending out information on things like Student of the Week and also give shout outs to students who are mentioned in the paper and may not know about it.

We also have a website, which Franny has worked really really hard on. It's a work in progress but it looks really great and we're all really proud to finally be on the internet! www.thewestfieldvoice.com !

Have a great long weekend everyone!

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A brownie sundae are just one of many dishes you can create yourself at the Dining Commons.

By Alex Myers
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Let's be honest... after a while the DC food gets a little boring. Well, thanks to some smart people at this school we now have some "DC originals" that you can try next time you go to eat.

1. Cheesy Fries – This one is simple. In order to make the best cheesy fries possible, do it like this: Put a little cheese on the bottom of a plate (the black ones not the colored ones). Then put fries on top. Another layer of cheese. Another layer of fries. And one last layer of cheese.

Put it in the microwave for about 1 minute (or until the cheese looks melted just right). Take it out and put some bacon bits on top and there ya have it… delicious cheesy fries.

2. Floats – I haven't personally made these, but as far as I know they're pretty good. Stick ice cream in a glass, flavor of your choice I would imagine, and then put soda in the glass with the ice cream (again your choice, I don't know which combos go well together). And you have a float.

3. "Dunkaccino" – I don't really know another term for this, so I'm going to steal the Dunkin Donuts term. Take hot chocolate and coffee and put them in one cup and you have just made your own dunkaccino.

4. Brownie Sundae – Mmmm… who doesn't love those? The DC already provides with brownies and ice cream so just put them together! Add sprinkles/jimmies (whatever you call them!) and enjoy!

5. Grilled Cheese– I know what you're thinking. The DC already serves grilled cheese. While that may be true, they do not serve it all the time and there could be a night where you are just craving one and they aren't there.

Make your own! Take some bread and cheese and stick it in the microwave. There you have it!

6. Waffle Sundae - Make a belgian waffle and put ice cream on top. Who doesn't love belgian waffles and ice cream? Just put them together and wow yourself with deliciousness!

That's really I've got, but if anyone has more of their own "DC originals" feel free to send them in and we will put them in here! In the meantime, enjoy these new meals and hopefully your DC experience will be much more delicious.

Sam & Alex: A few of our favorite things

By Samantha Fahey & Alex Myers
Editors-in-Chief

What do we love this week? We love when we are walking down the street and we see a person walking head on to us. It's great when we think that we're both going to move out of the way of each other and instead we are the only ones that move. Or we have no room to move and we're forced to stop so we don't ram into a trash can or a wall. We love that!

We also love when we break out in random rashes. But even more than that we love when we stump health services. We find out it's hives and they had no clue why. Yup, we love having weird skin that breaks out in hives for no reason.

We love our body temperature and when we get cold so we put on a sweatshirt and then five minutes later we are sweating. Our body temperature really doesn't have to make up it's mind. Nope. We don't care at all... in fact we love it.

We love when we are walking fast (because that's just how we walk) and we get stuck behind someone who couldn't beat a snail in a race. We love it the most when we are trying to go to class.

We love not having a car on campus. Taking the bus that only comes every hour is really j ust fantastic. We love that going to the movies on a Saturday is a seven hour process and if we wanted to go to CVS right down the street we would probably be gone for at least an hour wating for the bus to come pick us up. Not having a car on campus as a freshman is not an inconvenience at all. Nope, not at all.

We love when we buy nail polish for nine dollars and it chips after a day in random spots. Yeah, it's really cool having a big square of nail polish gone in the middle of our pointer finger. It looks awesome, seriously.

We love when boys wear their pants on the ground. Just like the song. We love seeing your boxers and I love when shorts are really worn as pants. It's such a nice look. Never, ever pull up your pants. Ever.

We love when teachers just make the time limit for the class to leave. We love getting our hopes up when we see the clock and realize that there's only two more minutes left until we can leave. Then the teacher walks in. Yeah, thanks. We love that.

We love when we're texting someone and we send them a whole long message and they respond with "okay." We know what that means. We can read your mind and always want you to respond like that because we love it.

We love when girls walk around campus with almost nothing on. Short shorts and belly shirts are the perfect attire for attending class at 8:15 in the morning. Please, don't cover up.

We love when we are eating food and someone looks over and says "Ew, that looks nasty." It's not like we're eating it or anything. It's not like we like what we're eating. It clearly is "nasty."

We love when we are eating a really good sandwhich or a really good meal and we're down to our last bite. We defintiely don't think they should go on forever.

We love when our phones dosen't have service. We weren't trying to send a text or make a call. And we want our battery to die. Hey, cell phones, thank you. Thank you.

We love when Dunkin Donuts gets our order wrong. We ordered something and really weren't planning on eating it anyway so we don't care when they do that. We love it!

We love when someone asks us a question and responds before we can answer it. We didn't have an answer and didn't want to respond so thank you to those people who do that. It makes our lives so much easier.

Lastly, we love when we don't wear makeup and people constantly come up to us asking us if we are feeling okay or are tired. So, next time you see us and we aren't wearing makeup approach us and ask us those two questions. I promise, we will love you forever.

Editor's Desk

Hello!

This is so exciting! It's Sam and I's first official newspaper as Editor-in-Chiefs! I hope we do just as good a job as the prior editors have. We will definitely miss them and the laughs we had here in the Voice office.

So thanks to Cait, Matt, Deb, and Franny for believing in us to take over and for being so helpful along the way! We would be totally lost here without you guys. And I'll miss you!

However, I am confident in the two of us and can only hope that the newspaper will be just as successful.

Remember, if you want a story published in the paper, send it in to thevoice@wsc.ma.edu. We love to see people interested and taking part in the paper!

Also, follow us on Twitter (WestfieldVoice) and on Facebook for updates!

And most of all have a wonderful weekend! :)

Alex Myers
Co-Editor-in-Chief
The Westfield Voice

Student Government elections are to be held Tuesday, April 20th and Wednesday, April 21st.

Sign on to your MyWestfield portal to vote.

Vote for your Class Council and Executive Student Government Association Council.

Please vote, these are the people representing the college!

Time Machine

A trip back through Music History

by Franny Zupancic
www.contrabandwrestling.com

The Jeff Beck Group
Truth
August 1968

If you've been following this column for a while, you might have noticed an abundance of coverage of albums from the metal genre. I was looking for something new to choose, and tried to think 'outside of the box' but select something that was in some way linked to recent choices.

I thought of Metallica's Hall of Fame performance and the greats who joined them for the Yardbirds' classic, "Train Kept-A-Rollin'." Jimmy Page. Ronnie Wood. Jeff Beck. Joe Perry.

Another Led Zeppelin choice would be a bit much, as I have paid tribute to two of their albums so far. Joe Perry's work on most older Aerosmith albums would be valid selections, and I could have even gone with Wood's underrated guitar skills featured on the albums of one of the--in my opinion--most overrated bands out there: The Rolling Stones. Or, I could go with someone really underrated: Jeff Beck. Bingo.

Sticking to the metal theme, one album that isn't-so-metal but was a definite root of the genre, this week's selection is "Truth," the 1969 debut album of The Jeff Beck Group.

The album featured the legendary Jeff Beck of Yardbird fame on guitar, and the always versatile Rod Stewart on vocals. Mickey Waller handled the drums, and surprise-surprise, future Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood gets his due in the Time Machine as he was the bassist on this album.

"Truth" consists of a few covers, a few Willie Dixon blues classics, and a few traditional songs. It opens with a re-worked version of "Shapes of Things." "Shapes" was originally recorded by Jeff Beck's previous band, The Yardbirds, and was notable for his heavy use of distorted guitar tones. Beck was always ahead of his time and continued to innovate on his future projects.

The two Willie Dixon covers are "You Shook Me" and "I Ain't Superstitious." "You Shook Me" was the centerpiece of a bit of controversy between The Jeff Beck Group and Led Zeppelin when the two covered the song on albums released only a year apart. Page, also a former member of the Yardbirds, was a close friend of Beck. According to Mick Wall's Led Zeppelin biography, Page played the cover to Beck to demonstrate drummer John Bonnham's talent.

Jeff Beck Group - Truth
1968

Beck was initially hurt by the similarities: "I thought, "This is a piss-take, it's got to be." I mean, there's Truth still spinning on everybody's turntable, and this turkey's come out

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A blast from the past: Back to the Future Movie review

By Samantha Fahey
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Probably one of the most fun, entertaining, and compelling 116 minutes I've ever spent was watching Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd in Back to the Future. Fox plays Marty McFly, a teenager who doesn't have the best of lives. He is friends with mad scientist Doc Brown (Lloyd) who builds a time machine.

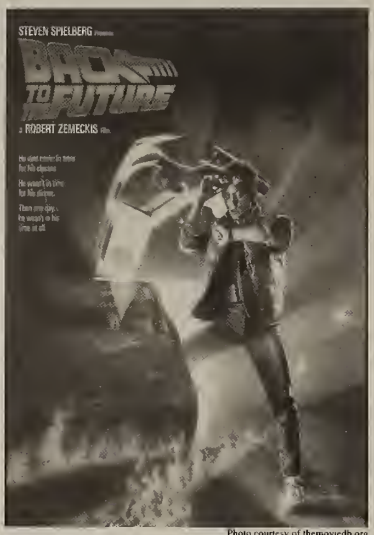
Marty: Wait a minute, Doc. Ah... Are you telling me that you built a time machine... out of a DeLorean? Doc: The way I see it, if you're gonna build a time machine into a car, why not do it with some style?

Marty is accidentally sent back to the year 1955 and lands smack dab in the middle of the budding romance between his now-teenaged parents, blurring his own existence in the year 1985.

The film makes the most of the idea that Marty McFly can change the future. Marty not only assures his own continued existence but changes the makeup of his family and community by helping his father essentially grow a backbone.

Back to the Future accomplishes everything a time travel movie should, and it does it believably. The writers hit the nail on the head, down to every last detail: Marty's premature invention of the skateboard as he rips the top of a young kid's box-cart or his introduction of rock 'n' roll which develops into an outdated, Jimmy Hendrix-style guitar solo.

Marty: Maybe you're not ready for that but trust me, your kids are going to love it.



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Back to the Future movie poster from 1985.

There are also nods to other sci-fi movies; when Marty has to convince his not-yet-dad to ask his not-yet-mom out he poses as Darth Vader (a variation on the joke appears in *Back to the Future Part III* when he calls himself Clint Eastwood) and claims to have come from the planet Vulcan.

The movie is so perfect and so well done. It proves that movies don't have to be full of special effects and dazzling features to be considered a great movie, and this certainly ranks as one of the best of all time. Today's generation probably hasn't even heard of the movie, never mind watched it. If that is the case, I urge you to give it a shot. You absolutely will not be disappointed.

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Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Scanlon Banquet Hall
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Presentation: 7:00 pm
Woodward Center

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Thursday, April 22
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Woodward Center
Second Floor Lounge

Greg Mortenson
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Presentation: 7:00 pm
Location: Woodward Center

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Commencement speaker: Byron Pitts
CBS News Chief National Correspondent; 60 Minutes Contributer

REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

PETER BILLINGSLEY

Born this week in 1971, one of the most recognizable figures in cinema history was born. While his actual name may not be all that recognizable, he Peter Billingsley is most famous as Cult-film icon "Ralphie" from the 1983 seasonal classic, *A Christmas Story*. It is famous worldwide and has helped sustain Billingsley's career.

In more recent years, there has been everything from holiday ornaments to talking dolls to clothes sporting famous film lines to life-size leg lamps and a 24-hour Christmas Eve/Day marathon.

Billingsley admits that at 38, he's still approached by fans yelling, "you'll shoot your eye out," and that he "hasn't gotten tired of it."

Since starring in the film, Billingsley has worked closely with good friend Jon Favreau. Favreau had a small role in *Iron Man* and has also directed the recent films, *Four Christmases* and *Couples Retreat*.

APOLLO 13

This week in 1970, the ill-fated Apollo 13 space craft returned safely to Earth. The shuttle, which launched two days earlier on April 11, was plagued two days into the trip to the moon by a faulty electrical system in one of service modules oxygen tanks.

This fault caused an overpressure rupture which caused a loss of electrical power and failure of both oxygen tanks. "The crew shut down the Command Module and used the Lunar Module as a "lifeboat" during the return trip to earth.

Despite great hardship caused by limited power, loss of cabin heat, shortage of potable water, and the critical need to jury-rig the carbon dioxide removal system, the crew returned safely to Earth on April 17, and the mission was termed a 'successful failure.'"

The incident inspired the famous Hollywood blockbuster *Apollo 13* which starred Tom Hanks and Gary Sinise.

THE SIMPSONS

Appearing this week in 1987 for the first time on FOX as a short on the since-defunct *The Tracey Ullman Show*, The Simpsons family made their first appearance in our homes. The lovable, crude, and above all, hilarious yellow family from Springfield has been a staple in the FOX primetime line up since.

Created by West Springfield, MA native Matt Groening, *The Simpsons* has won 25 primetime Emmys, 26 Annie Awards and a Peabody Award. It was also called it "the best television series of the 20th century."

Aside from the critical acclaim, *The Simpsons* has also introduced terminology into American culture, most famously Homer's Simpson's catch phrase, "D'oh!"

Since debuting in December of 1989, The franchise has grossed $527 million worldwide and has aired 458 and shows no signs of stopping as it is still one of television's most popular shows. *The Simpsons* Movie was released in 2007.

Top 10 Albums
1. Usher - Raymond V Raymond
2. Justin Bieber - My World 2.0
3. Various Artists: NOW 33
4. Erykah Badu - New Amerykah: Part Two
5. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
6. Monica - Still Standing
7. Alan Jackson - Freight Train
8. Justin Bieber - My World (EP)
9. Lady Gaga - The Fame
10. Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.

Top Movies
1. Clash of the Titans
2. Date Night
3. How to Train Your Dragon
4. Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?
5. The Last Song

Upcoming Video Games
1. Delta Force: Angel Falls
2. Dead to Rights: Retribution
3. Fireburst
4. Left 4 Dead 2: The Passing
5. World Cup Manager 2010

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Willie Nelson - Country Music
2. Deftones - TBA
3. Peter Frampton - Thank You Mr Churchill
4. Hole - Nobody's Daughter
5. Bullet for my Valentine - Fever

Top 10 Singles
1. Rihanna - Rude Boy
2. B.o.B. - Nothin' On You
3. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
4. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
5. Lady Gaga ft. Beyonce - Telphone
6. Taio Cruz ft. Ludacris - Break Your Heart
7. Black Eyed Peas - Imma Be
8. Justin Bieber ft. Ludacris - Baby
9. Jason Derulo - In My Head
10. Young Money - BedRock

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. The Lovely Bones
2. The Young Victoria
3. Avatar
4. Peacock
5. Summer Hours

Rock Band content
The Used 3 pack:
1. Blood on my Hands
2. Born to Quit
3. The Taste of Ink

1. Serj Tankian - Empty Walls
2. Serj Tankian - Sky is Over
3. Smash Mouth - All Star

Guitar Hero 5 content
1. All-American Rejects - Gives You Hell
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Time Machine continued: Jeff Beck Group's "Truth"

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You (She's so Heavy)." Beck and Page performed the song together at the 2009 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame ceremony, shortly after Beck received his induction.

Beck's guitar work is fantastic on this album and is an essential for any aspiring guitarist looking to 'do their homework.' Aspiring singers, however, should also check out this album, as Rod Stewart's raw talent emerges long before his popularity as a solo artist, and even before his work with fellow Jeff Beck Group member Ronnie Wood in The Faces.

Where are they now?

The Jeff Beck Group's original line-up was short-lived and only lasted through two albums. Both were extremely influential to the origins of heavy metal and blues-rock. Beck released two more albums under the same group's name, but with a revamped line-up.

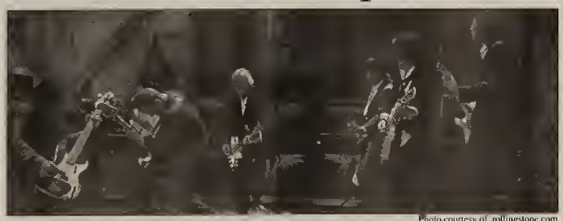
Beck then began a solo career that did not light the charts on fire, but won Grammy awards and received enough critical acclaim to land him a Hall of Fame induction.

Rod Steward went on to great critical success as the frontman of The Faces, who also did not light up the charts, but influenced bands ranging from the Sex Pistols, to Pearl Jam, to Guns N' Roses. After the Faces, Stewart sold over 130 million records worldwide during an extremely successful solo career.

Stewart's career fizzled down in the late nineties but experienced a revival through a collection of cover albums. Each of the four "Great American Songbook" albums were certified at least platinum, ""Still the Same," a classic rock cover album, went gold, and Stewart's 2009 "Soulbook," a soul-genre cover album, peaked at number four on the Billboard 200.

Then-bassist Ronnie Wood also went onto critical success with the Faces, but reached commercial success as a guitarist for The Rolling Stones from 1975 to present. The Stones' last release was "Shine a Light," a concert film (directed by Martin Scorsese) and soundtrack.

Jeff Beck Group drummer Micky Waller sporadically joined various bands, eventually touring as "Deluxe Blues." His most famous work would probably be his work with Stewart and Wood on Stewart's solo album "Every Picture Tells a Story." Waller died in 2008.



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Front left: Robert Trujillo & Flea; rear left: Jeff Beck & Jimmy Page; right: Ronnie Wood, Jimmy Page, & Kirk Hammett. "Hall-of-famers" from past, present, & future perform the Yardbirds classic "Train Kept-a-Rollin'" at 2009 ceremony.

Westfield State Student-Athlete For All Seasons

By Brooke Wilson
Voice Reporter

Rachel Ryan excels performing on the big stage.

The Westfield State junior music major is an accomplished singer, a track and field conference champion, and a standout for the championship Owl volleyball team.

In addition to her work ethic and passion for athletics - she competes and practices during the entire academic year in three sports – and a demanding academic major that requires her to attend classes more than 30 hours per week, Ryan also shines as a classmate and teammate.

"Rachel is very easy going and always laughing. She is liked by all of her teammates and the first one to congratulate someone after an event. She even cheers me on," said Westfield track and field head coach Sean O'Brien.

Ryan grew up in Westborough, Mass., where she became an athlete at a young age.

She played soccer, softball, basketball, and was even a youth cheerleader for 10 years, which eventually led her to her career as a volleyball player.

"At my high school if you didn't play sports or weren't into some sort of music field, you were considered weird. It was really out of the norm to not be involved," said Ryan.

As a high school freshman, Ryan had never played volleyball before and did not join the team right away; however, she soon realized she could apply her strength and passion to volleyball.

Ryan, along with Westfield State, is happy she chose volleyball. Like many young high school athletes, Ryan enjoyed the success and self-esteem she obtained from athletics. However, she had another passion and it was in the classroom - music. After that initial volleyball season, Ryan began track and field to stay in shape. But she quit basketball in order to perform in musicals, where she starred in "Guys and Dolls" and "Pirates in Penzance".

After graduating high school, Ryan chose to attend Westfield State over two other colleges.

Ryan said, "Westfield State was my top choice and I wanted to go somewhere where I could play volleyball and study music. The Woodward Center is a nice (athletic) facility and the professors are enthusiastic to help you succeed and work one –on—one."

WSC student excels on the field, on the stage, and in the classroom

Ryan was even interested in playing softball after being looked at very closely by Westfield's softball coach. She ultimately decided to compete in both indoor and outdoor track as well as volleyball.

It is a challenging schedule, competing and practicing during the fall, winter and spring sports season, and being a music major makes her schedule even more demanding.

"I know when I ask Rachel to do something and she consents I can count on her to fulfill her obligations fully and enthusiastically- she is a hard worker, and responsible. She does more than most people do who actually do two degrees," said vocal professor Dr. Mary Bonacci.

Her courses consist of choir, solo singing and instrumentals, where she plays percussion, saxophone, and the oboe. The high-level musician/athlete posts her daily schedule (15 total copies) all over her room in an effort to stay sane and organized.

Last fall Ryan was invited with seven other Westfield State students to sing with the Bay Path College Choir in Prague over Thanksgiving break. Ryan sang in Lichtenstein Palace, St. Nicholas Cathedral, and the Spanish Synagogue.

"I was able to attend operas, and sing solo for hundreds of people in the coolest places imaginable. No matter where we went we were always listening to music, even if it came from street players. It was an amazing trip that I was lucky enough to experience," she said.

The high-energy junior also enjoys performing at Westfield State. On Sunday, April 11, she and Tyler Cavanagh sang voice solos in Dever Auditorium. And Westfield State students, teammates and spectators also have an opportunity to hear her sing the national anthem prior to home volleyball games.

When Rachel isn't performing her music magic, she's working hard to achieve her athletic goals. Ryan finished her 2009 volleyball season by capturing the Massachusetts State Athletics Conference (MASCAC) tournament MVP honors. She averaged 2.70 kills per game in helping the Owls to the MASCAC championship and its first ever berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"Rachel plays at an outside position and it's the most contested and most competitive position in college. She was not starting in the beginning of this season, but she always kept positive and continued working hard and improving to earn that outside position," said Westfield volleyball coach Fred Glanville.

Ryan's junior season brought one of the biggest challenges to her volleyball career, as she participated with Division I players from all over the country at the USA Olympics Training Center in Colorado this past January.

"The hardest part was just going, because I was scared out of my mind and I didn't know what to expect. My first day there I got a touch on everything and I played great defense with Division I players from Penn State. The experience showed me that I can actually do this and my goal to attain a 10 foot jump is in close reach," said Ryan.

"Rachel is an extremely hard hitter. She smashes the ball. She is very passionate and an emotional player in a game or practicing; she wears her emotions on her sleeves. You know she loves volleyball and she works hard at it. Although, I don't think she considers it work, but rather a labor of love, which is why it's such a pleasure to coach her," said Glanville.

Her success continued during the most recent indoor track and field season as she won the MASCAC championships in the shot put (37-5 ¾) and weight throw (46-2). Ryan is always looking for new ways to improve her throwing techniques.

"She has improved tremendously, considering she didn't do weight throw in high school; she hopefully will qualify for nationals this season," said O'Brien.

"It's all about mentality. I have an expectation to go hard every minute," says Ryan.

Earth Day: A day of action

By Erin Judge
Campus Campaign Coordinator

April 22nd will be the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, and it will be a day of climate activism here in Massachusetts. On April 21st hundreds of people will gather on the Boston Common to protest the dirty electricity that powers our homes, apartments, and dorms.

We will sleep out in tents on the Boston Common to show our commitment for strong leadership in Massachusetts against rapid, catastrophic climate change.

Last fall in the spirit of non-violent civil disobedience, 200 people risked the legal consequences of sleeping out on the Boston Common after it closes, at 11:00PM. After seven Sundays of Sleeping Out we were met with success on December 7th, when bill was introduced into the State House and the State Senate, with the explicit backing of 17 legislators.

Now, we need to ask our representatives to vote on the bill and make it law. For people who are not interested in participating in civil disobedience, we have arranged legal sleeping space in a nearby church -- everyone can help.

On the morning of April 22 we will walk to the State House and discuss our bill with our representatives. Specifically, we will ask Representative Binienda to release our bill from his House Committee on Rules so that it may be voted on by the rest of the house.

This planet came with a set of operating instructions, but we seem to have misplaced them. Important rules like don't poison the water, soil, or air, and don't let the earth get overcrowded, and don't touch the thermostat have been broken. Buckminster Fuller said that spaceship earth was so ingeniously designed that no one has a clue that we are on one, flying through the universe at a million miles per hour, with no need for seatbelts, lots of room in coach, and really good food - but all that is changing.

Earth Day should be more than a token holiday to our planet, this is the only home we have, and we must ensure that our future on this planet is just and stable for us all.

We invite all people of conscience from across Massachusetts (and beyond) to join us in this action.

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Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay

It's getting to be that time again. Graduation is right on the door step and for me, the final couple installments of this column in the pages of the Westfield Voice are in plain sight. Since my sophomore year, I've written over 150 pieces for the Voice including two straight years of Cheap Seats and Ins, Outs and What-Have-You and through all of it the favorite columns, both for me and my faithful readers has been the mailbags. And as I am always aiming to please, I've decided the last two or three columns are going to be strictly mailbags as to get as many of you represented in here and answer any of your burning sports (and any other) questions. So without further a-do, here is part one of the Jerk's final mailbag.

Jen, Lammers – "I know how much you like Phil but, are you psyched that Tiger is back? You haven't said too much about what you think of him so, what do you think of him?"

Honestly, Jen, I love to watch Tiger Woods play golf and because I don't know him personally, I can still follow him. I don't believe Tiger owes anyone an apology. What he does in his personal life is his personal life. Granted, he is in the public eye constantly, there is absolutely no reason he should need to apologize to anyone but his family and close personal friends. Not you or me or the media or anyone else. I'm glad he came back for the Masters though there is still no timetable on his full-blown return. I anticipate it'll be sometime before the Open Championship in June but I wouldn't rule out him playing in Just the majors this year. For all his posturing about not winning the Masters, there's no way he's entirely disappointed with his 4th place finish after five months away from the game and I can see him only being encouraged by the performance and play in only the Majors. since that is where the reception will be most warm. As we've learned, Tiger is human and it's no surprise he wants to avoid more controversy at all costs.

Mike, New Hall – "I was looking for something to watch this past weekend and I stumbled across one of your favorites (*Bull Durham*) on the movie channels. I must say. I was impressed. For someone with such terrible taste in sports teams and athletes, you seem to know your film."

You know, everyone is entitled to their opinion about their sports teams and athletes and I'm really sorry you think I've got terrible taste. I bet you still think David Ortiz is going to hit 40 homers this year, that the Patriots are still in the midst of a dynasty and that Dale Earnhardt, Jr. isn't the most over-rated drive in the history or NASCAR. That being said, thanks for taking the time to watch *Bull Durham*. It's good to know I've got the power or persuasion over some of you out there. Has there ever been a more believable baseball (or sports movie) character ever than Crash Davis? Honestly, one day, I will name my son Crash Davis.

Ben, Davis – "I'm a freshman and I was wondering who is taking over your column next year?"

No idea. You want it? Come to the Voice and let me know. There are a couple options but who knows? Ideally the space will go to Rob Donoghue. I like his writing and he knows his stuff; I'd love to see his Voice come out in his own space. But like I said, I've got no control over that anymore.

Kyle, Old Apartments – "The NFL draft is next Tuesday; who ya got?"

This is a little vague, so I'm going to answer as many of the big questions I can. I'd like to think Sam Bradford goes number to the Rams and I think their letting Marc Bulger walk is a sure sign they will. Despite what Mel Kiper may be saying this week, I think Bradford is the best talent available. He comes from a system that runs a pro style offense and is if the Rams pass on him for another defensive end, it's going to be a mistake. Defense is great, but you have to score points to defend something. I think Tim Tebow will end up going in the second round to any number of teams. I think Jacksonville is a spot he could end up, but I wouldn't be surprised if a team like San Francisco took a chance on him. And as much as I hate the Patriots, I'd love to see him end up in New England. I think he's got a great football brain and is obviously, quite the athlete. I cringe to think what kind of offensive weapon Bill Bellichick could turn Tebow into. I mean, the guy is built, he ran and threw the ball in college pretty damn successfully and I find it hard to believe he'd have a difficult time adjusting to any role in the NFL.

Kristen, Davis – "Have you seen that new ridiculous samidge from KFC? People are actually claiming its more healthy than a regular samidge from KFC because it has no bread. Do you believe this?"

No, but I will most certainly still eat them. I tried it the day it came out because well, that's what fat kids do. Its basically a cheese and bacon sandwich but with two pieces of fried chicken as opposed to two pieces of bread. I will warn you all, it's a tad on the salty side but it is worth purchasing at least once. As far as being more healthy for you, I can't say. I mean, I suppose beer is better for you than Jack Daniels but that doesn't mean you ought to drink one with breakfast everyday.

I think that's as good a jumping off point this week. Its Wednesday and its beautiful and I've got 4 hours before rehearsal so I'm obviously going to go play golf and have a couple beers with Tomco and Conor. Its only hump day but it's been a long, roller coaster week already. Next week I'll be back with more of your emails. Keep sending them in to hatemail_myfavorite@yahoo.com or mcastonguay2516@wsc.ma.edu. As always, these are impossible to write without your input so keep them coming. I'll try to get to as many of them as I can and as always, keep that head on a swivel and watch the beverage, man.

Westfield State College sports round up

By Robbie Donoghue
Sports Editor

Westfield State College's baseball team (15-6) blew out Albertus Magnus College 24-9 last Thursday, April 8.

Connor Buckley pitched four innings for Westfield to pick up the win.

Kevin Lyons had a huge day at bat for the Owls, going 4-5 with 3 runs and 5 RBIs, including a homerun. Andrew Medeiros went 4-6 with 3 runs and 4 RBIs while Ben Campbell was 3-7 with 2 runs and 3 RBIs.

Westfield will play a home game against Western New England College on Tbursday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m.

Westfield State's softball team (14-6) picked up two wins in a double-header sweep of Keene State last Thursday, April 8.

Westfield won the first game of the double-header 3-2. Ashtyn Welcome gave up two runs in six innings to pick up the win and Courtney Begin pitched a scoreless seventh inning to earn the save.

Kristyn Carroll went 2-3 with a run scored and Cassy Jouannet went 2-3 with an RBI for the Owls.

The second game of the double-header was even closer and the Owls were able to squeak by with a 4-3 win in extra innings.

WSC's Rachel Dionne scores seven points versus Castleton State

Trailing 3-2 with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning, Lisa Policelli blasted a double to left field that allowed both Brittany Dussault and Danielle Lutenegger to score, giving Westfield the 4-3 victory.

Madeline Tomich pitched all eight innings for Westfield, allowing only one earned run to pick up the win.

WSC's women's lacrosse team (7-1) defeated Castleton State 18-17 in a dramatic overtime thriller last Saturday, April 10.

Carly Keely had 4 goals and 2 assists for Westfield, including the game's final two goals, to lead the Owls to the victory.

Rachel Dionne had 5 goals and 2 assists while Laura Chiricosta scored 3 goals and added 3 assists.

Westfield will face Framingham State at home on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Westfield State's men's spring track and field team had 10 first place finishers in the non-scoring Wesleyan University Invitational last Saturday, April 10.

Brandon Palmer was a double winner for the Owls, finishing first in the 110 hurdles (15.76) and triple jump (41-1/2).

The other first place finishers for Westfield were Jim Flynn (200), Malcomb Richardson (400 hurdles), Patrick Regan (1500), Bobby Fitzgibbon (high jump), Robert Archambault (shot put), Tom Gauger (pole vault), Justin Ehrhardt (discus), Dan Haryasz (3,000 steeplechase) and the 4 x 100 relay team.

Westfield State's women's spring track and field team had three first place finishers in the Wesleyan University Invitational last Saturday.

Rachel Ryan placed first in the javelin, second in the shot put, third in the hammer throw, and fifth in the discus.

Amy Wing took first place in high jump and Kerry Arouca won the 3,000 steeplechase.

Both the men's and women's spring track teams will compete in the Springfield Invitational on Saturday, April 17.

Check back next week to see how all of Westfield's spring sports teams faired in their games.

Celtics should be worried about Milwaukee Bucks

By Robbie Donoghue
Sports Editor

I'd be concerned if I was Doc Rivers.

Despite Boston's 105-90 win over Milwaukee last Saturday night, the thought of playing the Bucks in the first round of the playoffs would leave me feeling very uneasy.

Two years ago the top seeded Celtics were pushed to seven games by the Atlanta Hawks in an opening round playoff series they were supposed dominate. The Hawks were a young, feisty, athletic team playing with nothing to lose.

The 2010 Milwaukee Bucks are exactly the same and if the teams meet in the first round of the playoffs, the Celtics shouldn't take them lightly. Milwaukee is without a doubt the best NBA's best story in 2010. They lost the face of their franchise and top player Michael Redd for the second straight season with a torn ACL.

Redd missed 49 games in 2008-2009 and the Bucks managed to win 34 games. Redd only played in 18 games this year, which means the Bucks played 64 games in 2009-2010 without their best player.

If I told you before the season that Milwaukee would play 15 more games without Redd than they did last year, how many games would you say they'd win? 25? Maybe 30?

How about 45 wins with two games left in the season? You'd think I was crazy and you'd be right. But that's exactly what has happened. With two games left in the season the Bucks have 45 wins and have clinched a playoff spot for the first time since 2006… are you kidding me?

Behind a flashy young point guard, an emerging start at center, and

A fierce rivalry is brewing between the Celtics and the Bucks *www.cbssports.com*

a bunch of outcasts who nobody else wanted, the 2010 Milwaukee Bucks have played with a firey passion and reckless abandon that has taken the NBA by storm.

In the process, the Bucks have brought excitement back to basketball in Milwaukee… wait, was NBA basketball ever exciting in Milwaukee? I'm not really sure, but I can say without hesitation that it is now.

Rookie point guard Brandon Jennings, the new face of the Bucks' franchise, has been the key to Milwaukee's surprising season. Jennings should hands down be the NBA Rookie of the Year in 2010. I don't care about the stats that Tyreke Evans or Stephen Curry are putting up. They're playing for awful teams with no chance of making the playoffs. Jennings is running the show for a playoff-bound team and has done it successfully all season long.

But Jennings hasn't done it alone. Before a season ending injury suffered last week, Andrew Bogut was blossoming into a top five NBA center and finally showing why the Bucks drafted him with the first overall pick in 2005. Bogut was a force in the paint this season, averaging a double-double while ranking second in the league in blocks. His injury is one of the saddest things to happen in the NBA this season and it undoubtedly hurts Milwaukee's chances in the playoffs. But don't count this team out yet.

The Bucks acquired John Salmons before the trade deadline to add another scorer and the impact has been tremendous. Salmons is averaging 20 points per game and Milwaukee is 21-7 since trading for him.

The rest of the Bucks' roster is by and large unknown – a group of NBA "has-beens" and "outcasts" who have filled out Milwaukee's roster and played their roles admirably.

Two fifteen-year veterans are playing key roles for the Bucks: Kurt Thomas is filling in at center for the injured Bogut and Jerry Stackhouse is averaging 8 points per game off the bench as Milwaukee's sixth man.

Wait… Jerry Stackhouse? Kurt Thomas? Didn't those guys retire five years ago? Apparently not, and each is playing an invaluable role for the Bucks.

Luc Richard Mbah a Moute and Ersan Ilyasova have been key role players for the Bucks as well. Who the hell are those two and how do you pronounce their names?

I can't answer the second question, but Mbah a Moute has been Milwaukee's top defender and a great rebounder starting at power forward while Ilyasova has been a double-digit scorer and excellent three-point shooter off the bench.

Carlos Delfino bounced around between Detroit, Toronto and a team in Russia over the past few years. But the journeyman wing player has finally found a home in Milwaukee. Delfino is undervalued around the league and he's been the most underrated player on the playoff-bound Bucks.

Milwaukee is a hard working, fearless, athletic team made up of a bunch of underappreciated guys playing with a chip on their shoulder. That's not the type of team you want to face in the first round of the playoffs.

If I was Doc Rivers, I'd be losing some sleep over the next week thinking of the spirited team I'm about to face… flashbacks to the Hawks in 2008 would be running rampantly through my mind.

As the fans in Milwaukee are proudly saying, it's time to "Fear the Deer."

Timeout with Teresa

By Teresa Dollfuss
Voice Reporter

First and foremost I am excited to say that Red Sox season has begun! Not only has it begun, but they won on Opening Day against the Yankees. That's a pretty good start to the season if you ask me.

Yes, I know that it's only the first few weeks of the season and that things can go downhill from here. However, I choose not to believe that. I choose to believe that this season will go very well.

In the season opener, Josh Beckett didn't exactly look like the Josh Beckett of the past that we know and love. He gave up back-to-back homeruns and for a while it looked like we were going to lose the game.

Then, as per usual Red Sox style, the Sox came back behind the bats of Dustin Pedroia and Kevin Youkilis in the late innings to take the lead and win the game. Papelbon earned his first save of the season, and all was right in Red Sox Nation.

Neil Diamond was even in attendance for the opener at Fenway, and sang "Sweet Caroline." To this day, I still don't really understand why "Sweet Caroline" is the popular song affiliated with the Red Sox. It's about Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg.

Nevertheless, Sox fans enjoyed Diamond's presence, kicking off the season in style.

Speaking of kicking off the season in style, the Red Sox had former ace Pedro Martinez throw out the first pitch of the season. I find that highly interesting and intriguing, considering how things went down with Martinez and the front office.

I'm fairly certain that when Martinez left the Sox for the New York Mets, there were some harsh things said about the organization on his part.

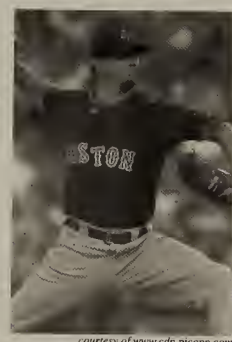
Oh well. Forgive and forget. Maybe Martinez will give us luck this year. He was a former ace after all.

One aspect of Opening Night that seemed to stick with Sox fans and people in general, was Joshua Sacco giving Herb Brooks' "Miracle" speech before the game. The five-year-old drew applause from everyone at Fenway Park, as well as smiles from players in the dugout.

Something interesting that I noticed during the game was the Jacoby Ellsbury changed his number from 46 to 2. In the grand scheme of things it's a small change; it just made me curious as to why he changed it. His old number seemed to work so well for him.

However, the Red Sox and sporting goods stores that sell Red Sox t-shirts should make a pretty penny from those buying a new Ellsbury shirt to match his current number.

Cameras also showed that Minor League outfielder Ryan Westmoreland was present at the game with his family. Westmoreland, 19, underwent surgery at



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Beckett does not look like himself opening night

the Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix on March 16 to remove a cavernous malformation in his brain. He appears to be recovering very well, and it was good to see him at Fenway.

Earlier in the week Josh Beckett signed a four-year contract extension with the Red Sox through 2014. Given his history as a fairly reliable starter, that was a good move by General Manager Theo Epstein and the front office.

Now that the deal is done and over with, Beckett can relax and maybe, have better starts in his next few games. Granted, Opening Night jitters could have been a factor in his less than stellar performance, so the next start should also fix that.

Before we know it, it will be the All-Star Break and Red Sox players will be vying for spots on the All-Star roster.

As for week two, the Red Sox are playing okay baseball. They're winning some and losing some, which is to be expected, but we all want the Red Sox to win every game.

A highlight that sticks out in my mind is Jacoby Ellsbury's collision with Adrian Beltre in a game against the Kansas City Royals. That looked painful.

It was a fly ball in foul territory and Beltre and Ellsbury both went for it. Ellsbury looked like he had the better play on it, but I'm assuming Beltre went to back him up just incase.

The two ended up colliding, with Beltre inadvertently kicking Ellsbury in the left side of the chest. Ellsbury attempted to get up, and at first I thought he was going to succeed. Then he slumped back down to the ground, clearly in a lot of pain.

Ellsbury left the game, and it was determined that nothing was broken, just a contusion. Thank God. We definitely don't want to lose him for an extended period of time.

Another quick highlight is that Mike Lowell is contemplating retirement after the season ends. His range still seems to be pretty decent at third, which he proved in a recent game where he dove to the right and made a throw to Youkilis at first base to record an out.

My thought is that he could make an effective designated hitter. But time will tell what he decides.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
No matter how much you might like to enjoy a quiet romantic evening with someone special, others might not be quite as willing to cooperate with your plans as you might like.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
You may be a little overly sensitive and uncertain of yourself at the moment. In fact, you might end up feeling somewhat inhibited when it comes to expressing yourself this week. And you may be more inclined to just want to get lost in your daydreams right now.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
Even if you might like to enjoy a romantic evening with someone special right now, there may be other obligations that end up tugging at your time. Just try not to be too disappointed if things don't end up going your way. You may find that you'll be feeling a bit rebellious at the moment.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Just realize that some real opportunities could be available to you if you're willing to put yourself out there. You might be more inclined to just want to enjoy hanging around the house, but if you're not willing to step up to the plate right now, it could end up leaving a bad impression that won't be easy for you to correct.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
You might be feeling a little opinionated or argumentative and you may be inclined to want to hash things out with someone special. But if things get a little too tense, you might want to try to enjoy some type of pleasant little getaway.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
Don't be surprised if a few disputes end up driving a wedge between you and someone special. Some issues may arise that make you realize that you don't have as much in common with someone else as you may have thought.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You and a loved one really might not be on the same page this week. And if you find yourself having to deal with a few conflicts in your most important relationships, try not to spend too much time stressing out over any problems right now.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
You might find yourself feeling a little too lazy to make much of an effort at anything this week. You should realize, however, that making some small sacrifices for someone you love could end up paying big dividends for you in the long run.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You should be aware that some real romantic opportunities could be available to you at the moment. You might be feeling rather sociable though, and you may be more inclined to want to spend some time enjoying yourself with your friends instead. Your primary concern will probably be having fun.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
It could be a nice time to enjoy a quiet romantic evening around the house with someone special. Just be careful that you're not too busy stressing out over other issues to really enjoy yourself. Be aware that a lot could be expected of you right now.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
It should be a good time to talk over any important issues with someone special today. Remember to remain open-minded and try not to force your opinions on others if you can help it.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
Some money matters may be worrying you a bit and you might be feeling a little financially insecure. But if you expect someone else to pay your way, you might be a little disappointed and some financial disputes could end up ruining your day.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Strawberry Mango Salsa

Ingredients

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2/3 cup orange juice
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 diced mango
1 quart strawberries, diced

Directions

- Stir together the balsamic vinegar, orange juice, lemon juice, and lime juice in a large bowl.
- Gently mix in the mango and strawberries.
- Stir slowly.
- Allow the mixture to sit for 20 minutes (to absorb) before serving.
- Serve with pita chips.

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Sodexo workers rally for rights

By Alex Myers
Co-Editor-In-Chief

After a similar effort in 2008, Sodexo union representatives have been fighting for better treatment for Sodexo employees. The secondd attempt started around December 2009 and has really picked up steam in these past few weeks.

Sodexo workers, students from colleges with Sodexo contracts and union workers petitioned to get better benefits and workers rights to those who are employees at Sodexo. This has been a nationwide effort, and is currently affecting our own campus.

In a letter written to President Dobelle and signed by students and workers, it was said that their goal is "to move Sodexo to sign a global agreement allowing workers in countries where Sodexo does business the freedom to form a union by the method they choose."

National Labor Relations Board has just recently charged Sodexo with a "pattern of illegal fringes, interrogations, and surveillance of pro-union workers," as written in the letter.

Another concern by school cafeteria workers in Sodexo districts is that they are reprimanded for staying home while they are sick, even though they are constantly around food and people during the work day.

Westfield Dining Commons workers planning a rally against supplier Sodexo. *sodexodiningatwsc.com*

Westfield State College Sodexo cafeteria workers listed problems such as poverty-level wages and benefits, a lack of job security, and a dehumanizing lack of respect.

One of the Sodexo employees said in the letter, "I've never been treated so badly in my life as a job before."

What these Sodexo workers want is a chance to talk to President Dobelle about the current issues that these workers are facing in the cafeteria, in hopes to change their treatment.

Union representatives that have been working with SEIU Local 615 are trying to get an SEIU representative to come to the meeting with President Dobelle to give more information on their national campaign.

A similar letter and petition was presented to Craig Goodridge, the General Manager of the Westfield State College branch of Sodexo. According to union representative Jesse Martin, the letter was declined by the manager, and Fed-Exed it back to the union.

"It's a power trip thing," Martin said. "He's going to read it eventually; he might as well just get it out of the way."

While union representatives are petitioning, students at Clark University are protesting "because they want the administration to change policy and make it so Sodexo workers can unionize and so they don't get fired and [can expect to be] rehired over the summer," Laura Prouty, a Clark University student, said.

There is currently a Facebook group that supports the movement. The following is a quote from the page:

" We are Clark students, faculty, staff, and alumni committed to organizing around issues of social and economic justice. We work to promote equal access to dignified employment, worker's rights to organize, and the fair distribution of resources.

"We support Clark Sodexo food service workers' right to organize for better working conditions. They have the right to do so without intimidation. We value their service to the Clark community."

You can follow Clark University's progress on the matter on a dedicated blog: http://clark-unite.blogspot.com.

Pheobe Prince: the aftermath and the push for a new bullying law

By Kylie Coffey
Voice Reporter

New court documents in the Phoebe Prince case reveal, in excruciating detail, what happened the day the Ireland native took her own life in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

Prince was in the library with friends during lunch time. Sitting at a nearby table were Sean Mulveyhill, Kayla Narey, and Ashley Longe.

All three are being charged for Prince's death along with a few others.

Longe began taunting Prince by calling her an "Irish Whore" and writing similar remarks on the library sign-in sheet.

At an assembly later that day, Longe kept up the name-calling with the encouragement of Mulveyhill, who is now being charged with statutory rape.

At the end of the school day, Prince was walking home when Longe threw a Red Bull can at her from a moving car.

Prince took her own life right after this.

Now six teenagers, including Longe, Narey, and Mulveyhill, face charges and are being held responsible for Prince's death. Flannery Mullins, Sharon Chanon Velazquez and Ashley Longe are being tried at Hampshire-Franklin Juvenile Court on account that they are just sixteen.

They are charged as adults and youthful offenders for civil rights violations and stalking.

Mulveyhill, Narey and Renaud are being tried at Hampshire Superior Court and have plead not guilty.

Both Mulveyhill and Renaud face charges of statutory rape. Mulveyhill and Narey are both being tried for violation of civil rights, criminal harassment, and disturbance of a school assembly.

Prosecutors said that this all started when Prince briefly dated Mulveyhill. She repeatedly received threats verbally at school and online via Facebook.

School officials also bear the blame for not acting to stop this bullying.

South Hadley, superintendent Gus Sayer said that the school was not aware of the extent of the bullying until a week prior to Prince's death.

Citizens are pushing for a new anti-bullying law called Phoebe's Law to stop bullying in schools.

You can do your part by logging on to Phoebeslaw.com and emailing your state representative to voice your concern about bullying.

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Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, April 24
12:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Salem
Softball Field

12:00 p.m.
Baseball vs. Salem
Baseball field

4:00 p.m.
Lacrosse vs. Worcester
Alumni Field

Sunday, April 25
7:30 p.m.
Faculty Recital, Ted Levine, Saxophone
Dever Stage, Parenzo Hall

Monday, April 26
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.
28th Anniversary Interfaith Breakfast - Ticket Required, Hosted by WSC Foundation, Inc.
Scanlon Banquet Hall

7:30 p.m.
Wind Symphony Spring Concert, Karen LaVoie, Conductor
Dever Stage, Parenzo Hall

Tuesday, April 27
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Campus-wide Community Service Day
Campus Green/Various Places

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Free blood pressure screening by Ali Haggerty for Faculty/Staff
Ely Campus Center Lobby

Space Exploration romanticized not idealized

By Shielding Cournoyer
Voice Reporter

In issuing the 2011 budget request back in February, President Obama created some concern in regards to the future of U.S. missions to space. The project, designed to take people back to the moon, was effectively cancelled. This drew sharp criticism from members of Congress who argued on practical grounds that canceling would be akin to throwing away the $9 billion that has already been spent on the project, and that citizens' jobs were at stake.

These are both understandable arguments – the type of objections that are to be expected at the close of any failed enterprise. Nobody likes to admit failure, particularly when that failure is of a systematic and entrenched kind. Interesting and perhaps unique to this particular discussion, however, are arguments of a strikingly sentimental sort.

Representative Parker Griffith declared that, "This matter goes to the very essence of what makes America the greatest country on Earth," and that "lowering expectations for manned space flight is not compatible with the culture of America." Senator Richard Shelby, meanwhile, issued a statement assuring America that "The President's proposed NASA budget begins the death march for the future of U.S. human space flight. Congress cannot and will not sit back and watch the reckless abandonment of sound principles ...and the destruction of our human space flight program."

courtesy of obviousblog.com
This view of Earth makes many cheer for space exploration.

Recently, astrophysicist Neil DeGrasse Tyson appeared on the Colbert Report to mourn the budget proposal and its impact on space flight. He explained that it's important to fund manned space exploration because every scientist he knows became interested in science when they learned about space flight.

Arguments that space exploration has a special place as the cheerleader or guru of all scientific endeavors might hold sway over some members of Tyson's own generation. However, those of us who grew up watching movies like Jurassic Park and Honey I Shrunk the Kids know that there are a thousand scientific ideas that are just as exciting and inspiring and promise much more in terms of concrete advantages than wandering around in deep space.

The many romanticized and impassioned declarations defending the funding of space exploration programs are so impractical as to be literally incredible. Does anyone honestly believe that billions of dollars of annual funding go into the space program for the sake of some fuzzy science-fiction fantasy that offers no real-world returns on investment? Wake up Neil, or 'fess up. The urge behind space exploration has always been, since its inception, military advantage.

Hence the anxiety of some who note that abandoning manned space flight means having to share transportation with Russia to the International Space Station. To some powerful people, international cooperation defeats the unspoken purpose of future domination of other nations.

It's the same reason any insanely expensive 'exploratory' mission has been launched since the days of Columbus – the funders are looking for some tactical advantage, whether resource-wise or locational, over our earthbound neighbors. Personally, I didn't shed a tear when I learned that the costly Constellation program had been scrapped – we have enough problems here on earth that need funding. I was hoping that, following on the heels of

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Westfield State College travels to Beijing, China

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

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TRIP TO BEIJING

Recently I went on a trip with five friends to Beijing, China. There is a saying over here that goes "you're not a man unless you visit the Great Wall."

So my time in China wouldn't be complete unless I was able to set foot on the structure that spans over 4,000 miles. It was the highlight of my trip to Beijing.

The trip began with Alan, Peter, David, Jenny, Chao, and me at the bus station waiting for a bus to bring us to Guangzhou, which was two hours away. Once there, we boarded a train that took us for a twenty- hour ride to Beijing.

There were three options for traveling on the train. As college students on a budget, we choose the hard sleeper which was comfortable and not too expensive. The price for the hard sleeper was around 60-80 US dollars one way to Beijing. This allowed us to have our own cabin and it was comfortable enough without breaking the bank.

During the train ride, I slept, spent time studying Chinese, talking with the members of my group, and meeting other foreigners on the train.

We met one group of four people who were from Canada. Two of the people, a man and his wife, were in China teaching English. The man's parents, who traveled with them, came to China for a visit. These people were very interesting and they connected with me even as strangers from another country.

So we parted ways and gained a lot of useful information from them about traveling around China.

BEIJING

We arrived in Beijing in late afternoon and were greeted by a friend, whose name was" Joventus. He brought along his friend Moon to meet us at the train station.

He and his friend Connie helped us find a place to sleep while in Beijing. Because of their kindness, we made three lifetime friends.

Students we only met through a mutual friend treated us like family and they ended up become our tour guides for Beijing.
Once we found our hotel, they showed us unbelievable hospitality and took us out to dinner and paid for us without our knowledge.

Then we went to Tianan'men square, a place where thousands of students and others protested in 1989. Soldiers were instructed to clear the Square by 6 am on June 4th.

The protestors were all fired upon and many soldiers and protesters alike were killed and wounded. It is commonly known as the Tianan'men Massacre of 1989, an incident that is important in China's history.

SUMMER PALACE

The following day, our "tour guide" friends came to get us and we went to brunch which included a famous Beijing specialty called "Běijīng kǎoyā" which means Beijing roast duck.

After we had our fill of Asian cuisine, we headed to the Summer Palace, pronounced "Yíhé Yuán" in pinyin.

Pinyin is a Romanization system that was developed by a government committee in the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Yíhé Yuán literally means "Gardens of Nurtured Harmony". There were very beautiful palaces, gardens, and great views of the nearby Kunming Lake.

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The Angry Liberal

By **Kristin Sherwood**
Copy Editor

As if the health care bill did not create enough division in Congress, along comes another bill to split the legislature along party lines. This time, Congress will debate financial regulation reform and it looks like the same partisan battle will ensue.

The House has passed a version of a financial reform bill and some senators are hoping to bring the bill to chamber debate in the Senate this week. Some Republican members of Congress are opposed to giving the government too much power in the bill and want to see the bill re-worked.

On the other hand, the Democrats who support the bill say that this will prevent another financial crisis and limit government bailouts of industries. Republicans argue that the measures will allow too much government intervention in business while the Democrats argue that the bill will help keep businesses in check.

President Obama claims he will not sign a compromised version of the bill so that the United States avoids another financial disaster.

Lacks of strict regulation and government deregulation of business were big factors in the sub-prime mortgage crisis that launched the current financial recession. This bill, if passed, will work towards stricter requirements for businesses, which will help prevent another crisis like the current one.

Who doesn't want that? That's right, the businesses. Could it be that some of the senators and representatives who oppose the bill in its current form are receiving funding from these businesses?

Mitch McConnell, an influential Republican leader in the Senate, calls for a renegotiation of the bill. However, McConnell receives more funding in donations from the "Finance, Insurance and Real Estate" sector than any other sector. When asked if he was "doing the bidding of the large banks," McConnell replied that such an assertion was "inaccurate."

This is sad, it's true, and it's politics. But just because this is the ugly truth does not mean the American people should just accept it. Why should the American people let these senators get away with this? Besides the obvious answer of voting them out (elections are in November), the American people can write support letters and make calls to the senators and congressmen who are in favor of the financial reform bill.

Senators who are simply corrupt because of greed and power should not defeat this bill. The average American should not have to go through another financial crisis like this in his or her lifetime just because some senator or congressman or congresswoman receives funding from certain businesses.

It is time to crack down on these financial institutions and this bill, with either bipartisan or partisan support, must be passed.

Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Let me just ask a question, because I'm not sure. Um, Mr. President… Do you think that the American people are really stupid?

I mean, he must. On Friday, an announcement was made saying that Goldman Sachs, a huge financial institution that took tarp money but did pay it back, was now under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This company was also being charged with fraud along with many other charges.

On Monday morning Obama announced that he was going after financial reform and wanted a bill passed to change the way things are being run on Wall Street so that if another financial melt-down occurred, the banks would not be bailed out again (yay!).

The timing of the Goldman investigation couldn't have been more of a coincidence. So…what does this reform entail?

It is essentially to ensure that the banks, insurance companies, and any institutions that deal with investments can no longer be too big (what?) to fail and would not be bailed out in the future if they run into trouble.

I am ecstatic about companies not being bailed out. I don't think there should have ever been a bail-out bill the first time. I thought it was stupid and didn't solve anything because it's like a domino effect.

One bank or company fails, get bailed out, another one fails, gets bailed out, etc. The government just keeps handing out the money.

I do not agree with government involvement in deciding what is "too big." The government needs to let all companies know that if you fail, it's your fault, and you're gone. That is where the administration messed up in the first place.

When General Motors and Chrysler were having trouble, they should have declared bankruptcy. But no, the government had to step in.

When American International Group and big banks started to go under, the government should have let them go. Obviously they didn't.

All businesses run the risk of going out of business and when someone takes that risk away, they are creating a company that will take huge risks to create income because they know that simply no matter what happens they will be bailed out. That's nonsense.

All I'm asking, Mr. President, is for, if not you, then for someone to inform these companies that if they mess up and fail, they will NOT be bailed out anymore.

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Student of the Week

Kristin Sherwood
Political Science
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If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Barack Obama

If you could only listen to three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
Um…Elvis. Michael Jackson. The King of Rock and the King of Pop!

What's the last movie your saw in theaters?
I don't remember. It's been that long.

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?
The people.

What's your favorite meal?
Pizza.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
That's a good question.

Is your bed made right now?
My bed doesn't have sheets on it…

What is your favorite material object?
My car.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
The political science club, and I just became Copy Editor for the Voice!

Got anything else to say?
Um…stay in school.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Noted Holocaust historian to speak at Westfield State

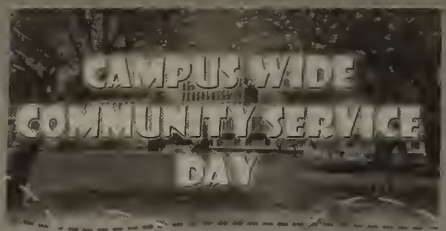
Peter Black, senior historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., will speak at three events at Westfield State College on Thursday, April 29, on topics relating to the Holocaust and contemporary genocide. He also will meet with students and faculty during a three-day visit to campus, April 28-30.

Black will speak on "Why the Holocaust Happened: Social, Economic, and Legal Origins of Nazi Anti-Semitism" at 3:30 p.m. in Dever Auditorium, hosted by Eve Shapiro of the Department of Sociology faculty. A reception precedes the event at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Black will focus on genocide motivated by religious and ethnic hatred. He will also highlight the significance of religious discrimination as well as the role that all religions play in resisting and combating intolerance. Light refreshments will be served.

A faculty workshop is scheduled earlier in the day from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The workshop, in the Faculty Center in Parenzo Hall, will be a discussion with Black on: "Teaching about the Holocaust and Genocide Across the Curriculum."

After the talk, a dinner is scheduled from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Tekoa Room. Sociology Club students will host the dinner.



Wednesday April 28th

5 Great Projects
5 Great Ways to Contribute

Circle K's Annual
Jail and Bail

Planting Trees
Downtown

Cleaning and Raking at
"Kamp for Kids"

Reading and Assisting
Students at Juniper Park

Cleaning and Raking Trails
at Tekoa Park

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Transportation will be provided to the off-campus service projects.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated!!

Editor's Desk

Editor's desk number two!

We're only putting out one more edition after this week. We're going to try to do a Spring Weekend spread, with pictures galore! We'll see how that works.

I can't wait until next year. You guys don't know how much work goes into creating this paper. Sure, the pictures don't look perfect and there are some typos. But it's the product of hours, literally hours.

And it's perfect. I have had the best time here in the Voice office and i honestly think that this is what I want to do with the rest of my life! Providing that papers survive and thrive for that long.

Anyway, I'm not really sure what to expect for this weekend, but Spring Weekend should be a lot of fun!! Look for the schedule in this week's article!!

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Things to experience in Beijing

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We spent most of the day there and after that we got on the bus and met up with some familiar faces from Westfield State College, Mylinh Nguyen and Donna Dellaghelfa, who are currently attending Capital Normal University in Beijing. We went out to dinner and talked about our experiences in China so far.

We rode the subway to a night market where we all put our bargaining skills to the test. In China, everything is about bargaining. The Chinese merchants try to get the most money out tourists, who sometimes pay the outrageous prices.

You have to invest your time with tactics to get them to lower the price and argue with the merchants until you reach a compromise. I got a business suit, some Chinese brushes, a few jade turtles, and some ancient coins.

GREAT WALL

We went to see the Great Wall the next day which I was really excited about. It was quite the task finding transportation there.

We were lied to by a man who was a "black taxi" driver and wanted our business. A "black taxi driver" is someone who isn't licensed to be a taxi driver in China and drives people from place to place making money.

When we arrived at the Great Wall, we went to the section of the wall called "Badaling".

This part of the wall, which was the first section to be restored in 1957, was packed with tourists. We had to make our way through the souvenir-clustered shops where I got a few "Great Wall" t-shirts.

Then we made our way to the left part of the wall and took numerous pictures of the landscape and each other. After we reached the end we came back to the middle and some of our group stayed and some of our group went to the other area of the wall.

OLYMPIC VILLAGE

The next day we took the subway to the Olympic Village, where the 2008 Olympics took place.

On our way there we saw our first international WAL-MART, which was not very impressive, selling expensive but poor quality goods.

The Olympic Village has two main attractions to see, one of which was the "Birds Nest" which is a stadium that the track and field events took place during the games.

We bought a ticket so we could go inside and look around the stadium. It was fun knowing that I was in a place where such an important event took place.

I sat in the very top row of seats with my friends Peter and Chao. Then we went over to check out "The Cube", where

The Great Wall of China

Michael Phelps broke so many records.

After the Olympic Village we ended up at the Dongan'men night market, which had an exotic food section that offered unique cuisine such as scorpion, beetles, shark, snake, squid, cow testicles, and star fish.

I ended up trying the scorpion along with a few friends.

FORBIDDEN CITY

The next day we awoke early and took a 45 minute subway trip o the US embassy located in Beijing.

A few of the friends I was traveling with have a professor (lão shī) at United International College that used to work as a Foreign Service Officer (FSO), so we were able to meet important people and learn a bit about China-US relations.

We met up with our Beijing friends at the Forbidden City, which was the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming Dynasty to the end of the Qing Dynasty. It is located in the middle of Beijing, China.

The palace has traditional Chinese palatial architecture and has influenced cultural and architectural developments in East Asia and elsewhere. It was very beautiful to walk through.

We ended up going to the top of a hill to get an aerial view of the city. While up there, a few of us put on traditional Chinese garb and sat in a throne to get our pictures taken.

We then took a bus to another all you can eat restaurant. This one was also amazing and offered watermelon (xī guā), which is a personal favorite of mine.

We capped off our evening at the ever popular Ktv, a place that provides a room that offers karaoke and drinks for you and your friends.

Xi'an

The next day we had to leave Beijing in order to arrive at our next destination, which was Xi'an.

We had to say goodbye to our gracious Beijing helpers and took the subway to the train station.

We met a man who helped us out on the train and throughout the trip we had instances where the kindness of strangers helped us immensely.

We arrived at 5 am and Chao's uncle who lives in Xi'an picked us up at the train station. He brought us to a hotel near his work and we then left to see the Terracotta Army. We got through three security checks and saw pit 3, where it is still not excavated.

Then we made our way over to pit 2 where there were around 68 Terracotta Warriors and a few horses. Then last, but certainly not least, we saw pit 1 where the most warriors were uncovered.

It was quite the site to see. The terracotta figures, dating from 210 BC, were discovered in 1974 by some local farmers near Xi'an in Shaanxi province.

The warriors and horses are life size and no two soldiers look the same. We set off to bargain with merchants again and at the end of it we all did well.

Then we then saw the bell and drum towers located in Xi'an. On our way to see these towers we had to pass through a underground market that offered a variety of goodies.

My attention was drawn toward the t-shirt merchant. We bargained with the merchants and bought t-shirts for 15 Yuan each, which is a little over two US dollars.

We then took a double decker bus to the train station where we were informed our train was going to be delayed for 4 hours.

We also found out that our train ride back to Guangzhou was going to takes 27 hours. The over 24 hour train ride was rough but we struggled through it.

Then we arrived at the Guangzhou train station at 3am on Monday morning, two hours away from our school.

Luckily I have a friend who knew a taxi driver and he came from Zhuhai, where our school is located, picked us up at the train station, and brought us back to school.

It ended up costing us each around ten US dollars, which was well worth getting back to school. Then we arrived at our campus and brought us to the end of our amazing trip through China.

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Editor's Desk

So it's 10:11 p.m. right now and I am just writing my editors desk. We've been here since 5:30. Damn us and our need for the paper to be perfect! Oh well, I hope it pays off and it comes out as good as we think it looks.

I've had the week from hell and I cannot wait until the weekend. Anyone else with me? I did get to go to the Red Sox game on Tuesday seven rows behind the plate. That was fun. Too bad everything leading up to that made me want to pound my head against a wall. But hey, it worked out in the end.

I am so exhausted and as much as I love working on this newspaper I just want to be cuddled up in my bed and go to sleep. However, if it weren't for this newspaper I'd be bored in my room all night, but I am doing something I love.

Thanks to Sam and Franny for stickin' it out with me tonight. We might be going a little crazy, but at least it's never a dull moment here in Ely 305.

It looks as if there's going to be some nice weather. At least I hope so! Especially for everyone who plans on attending Spring Weekend. Sounds like a lot of fun. Check out our spread in next week's issue (also the last issue of the year) with photo's from Spring Weekend courtesy Hugh Mailly.

I hope you all have a happy and safe Spring Weekend! Enjoy it!

Space exploration not an ideal plan

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moderate nuclear disarmament measures, the decision was reflective of coascientious, if mild, peacemaking efforts on Obama's behalf.

Unfortunately, the tragic countenances of so many starry-eyed romantics were too much for the poor President to bear. Unwilling to contribute to the demoralization of Americans and, as always, eager for an opportunity to enthuse the populace, Obama announced Thursday that he wants to see astronauts on Mars by the mid-2030s.

"As President, I believe that space exploration is not a luxury, it's not an afterthought in America's quest for a brighter future. It is an essential part of that quest," he told the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, a beaming Buzz Aldrin in tow.

"I am 100 percent committed to the mission of NASA and its future," Obama said. The President underscored that commitment by unveiling a new plan that would increase NASA's budget by six billion dollars over the next five years.

Contrary to the opinion which has been presumed popular, space exploration is the epitome of luxury. Whatever non-militant objects we could hope to achieve by going into space could be just as easily accomplished here on earth.

If we're looking for resources we might as well fund missions to the bottom of the ocean. If we're looking for energy we might as well fund solar and wind projects. If we're looking just to look, for the sake of finding something new, we may as well investigate the complex web of life on this planet. Or, we could increase funding to the Peace Corps, which accepted only 4,000 applicants last year out of a total 12,000. We may as well fund education. Intelligent life, after all, isn't as likely to emerge anywhere in the universe as on the heavenly body we call home.

We have so many problems here on Terra Firma that need solving - why would we fund any program that is at best escapist and at worst a veiled product of the great war machine? Let's get more constructive daydreams, if this is this is the result of our rocket-science fantasies. Let's imagine a world that spends more money funding the tactics of peace than the tactics of war; let's dream of a day when all the world's people may look to the stars without fearing shrapnel in the eye.

A blast from the past movie review

Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark

By Samantha Fahey
Editor-In-Chief

Ranked number 6 under the "Top action movies of all time," and running at just about 115 minutes, Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark does not disappoint. The year is 1936 and the movie opens with Archaeologist professor Indiana Jones, played by the always-handsome Harrison Ford, on a mission in South America to retrieve a gold idol. Once he takes the idol from the pedestal, he must escape death in the famous scene where he is being chased by a giant boulder.

When he returns to the United States, Indiana is recruited by the U.S. Government to find the Ark of the Covenant, which is believed to still hold the Ten Commandments.

Indiana: The Ark of the Covenant, the chest that the Hebrews used to carry around the Ten Commandments.
Army officer: What, you mean THE Ten Commandments?
Indiana: Yes, the actual Ten Commandments, the original stone tablets that Moses brought down from Mt. Horeb and smashed, if you believe in that sort of thing... Didn't any of you guys ever go to Sunday school?

Indiana soon finds out that he's not the only one after the Ark; Hitler and his Nazi officers learn that they can use the power of the Ark to obliterate any enemy.

Indy must recruit a former girlfriend and an old chum, both of whom serve as the comic relief, to infiltrate the Nazi site and make off with the Ark. Along the way Indy gets involved in a series of fights, chases, traps, and his worst fear, snakes, before the Nazis learn the full power of the Ark.
Sallah: Indy, why does the floor move?
Indiana: Give me your torch.
[Indiana takes the torch and drops it in]
Indiana: Snakes. Why'd it have to be snakes?
Sallah: Asps... very dangerous. You go first.

You're in for thrills as Indiana Jones confronts snakes, Nazis and one astonishing cliffhanger after another - all topped off with the discovery and opening of the mystical Ark of the Covenant. It's one of the greatest adventures of all time.

And this, my friends, is only the beginning of the epic, adventurous, and always entertaining Indiana Jones series.

REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

JOHN DALY

This week in 1966, one of the most beloved, memorable and famously troubled athletes of all-time was born in Carmichael, California.

John Daly has won 19 career PGA Tour events, including two majors, the 1991 PGA Championship and the 1995 Open Championship.

Known for his massive power off the tee, touch-and-go short game and his lust for life, John Daly is probably an icon more for his off-course antics than his golf prowess.

Daly has battled weight issues, nicotine addiction and alcoholism.

Daly admits that during a period in his life, it was not uncommon for him to drink a fifth of Jack Daniels every day.

Since then, lap-band surgery and a steady work out regiment has Daly in the best shape of his life and in the middle of a comeback attempt on the PGA Tour though a series of Sponsors exemptions.

PINK FLOYD

Dark Side of the Moon – This week in 1988, after a record 741 weeks, more than fourteen years, Pink Floyd's earth-shattering concept album "Dark Side of the Moon" finally falls off Billboards top 200 charts. The previously unheralded band released the album on March 10, 1973, and rapidly rose through the charts on the strength of songs like "Money," "Time," "Speak to Me/Breathe" and "Brain Damage." The album was loosely based on the things that could drive someone "insane" and is dedicated to former front man, Syd Barrett. The album sold more than 15 million copies (15x Platinum) in the United States and nearly four million (9x Platinum) in the United Kingdom. It lives on today as one of the most celebrated records of all-time, being featured in nearly every "greatest albums" list, by being covered repeatedly by numerous artists and through record sales which still exceed five figures annually.

AL PACINO

One of cinema's most recognizable and revered actors in the world, Al Pacino was born this week in 1940.

Pacino has stared or co-stared in some of Hollywood's most recognizable films and alongside some of the businesses biggest names since he burst onto the scene in The Godfather.

Pacino has appeared in over 40 Hollywood features and major television productions, most famously as Tony Montana in Scarface.

He has also starred in classics like Carlito's Way, Heat and Angels in America. After being nominated seven times previously, Pacino finally won an Academy Award in 1992 for his role in Scent of a Woman.

Pacino began his acting career in 1966 by auditioning for the Actors Studio in New York, a group he is currently co-president of with Harvey Keitel and Ellen Burstyn.

He is currently in production on five more projects scheduled for release between 2010 and 2013.

Speaker Series Dates

Dr. Peter Black
Wednesday, April 28, 2010
Presentation: 3:30 pm
Location: Dever Auditiorium

Dr. Black will be visiting classes on campus, talking about the Holocaust and his life experiences.

Greg Mortenson
Thursday, April 29, 2010
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Location: Woodward Center

Tickets are free for faculty, staff and students, $35 for the general public, and $30 for Westfield State Alumni. Seating is limited.

Gloria Steinem
POSTPONED!
May 5, 2010
Reception: 6:00 pm
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Woodward Center

SPRING WEEKEND!
April 23 - 25 2010

Time Machine

by Franny Zupancic
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A trip back through Music History

I thought of a quite bizarre idea. My previous top ten lists seemed to be a bit successful, but how I couldn't see doing another Hall of Fame snub list. I began to think 'outside of the box' as I picked a topic for this week's Time Machine, and the concept I decided to use is a unique one:
Ten songs with one-word action-verb titles.

Not only do the song titles have to be verbs, they have to consist of only one word. To increase the challenge, why not require all ten to be cover songs?

Photo courtesy of hulu.com

Somehow, I managed to include Sesame Street's Elmo in the Time Machine. The Goo Goo Dolls performed an alternate version of their hit "Slide" with the furry puppet in 2000.

Taylor Swift - Run

When country legend George Strait was presented the Artist of the Decade award from the Academy of Country Music in 2009, he was also presented with a really memorable tribute concert. The line-up was a who's-who of country music but was highlighted by a few standout performances: Jamey Johnson and Lee Ann Womack performing "Give It Away," and Taylor Swift's rendition of "Run."

Disturbed - Shout

Say what you want about Disturbed. Despite coming out of a mostly-forgettable era of music, they released some memorable covers. Whether it was Land of Confusion, originally by Genesis; or Glass Shatters, a ramped-up rework of Stone Cold Steve Austin's WWF entrance music, they have taken already-memorable songs and put added their own style, effectively making them their own.

On their 2000 debut album, The Sickness, they included a cover of the Tears for Fears classic, "Shout." Titled Shout 2000, the song was definitely a 2000-era, modernized version of the 80s hit.

Dolly Parton - Shine

Shine, by Collective Soul, is one of those songs I've been wishing to have the chance to experience through the means of music-rhythm games like Guitar Hero or Rock Band, but so far, no dice. We have, however, been treated to a full-blown country 'copy' of the song by Dolly Parton.

If you haven't heard it, check it out. I say it's a copy because it's a spot-on cover that does the original justice. It's a country song, but every part is identical to Collective Soul's version. There is harmony, and the guitar solo is performed on fiddles.

Avenged Sevenfold - Walk

Here's one for the metal fans. Some will appreciate this and some will find it 'sacrilegious,' but I think the cover did the original justice. Avenged Sevenfold's version of the Pantera metal anthem can be found on their 2008 live album, Live in the LBC & Diamonds in the Rough.

Other notable cover versions include Disturbed and Godsmack, who frequently perform the song at live shows, and Kilgore, a lesser-known metal band who covered the song for current TNA World Champion Rob Van Dam's entrance music during his 1998-2001 run with Extreme Championship Wrestling.

Johnny Rzeznik feat. Elmo - Pride (alternate version of "Slide")

Alright, I'm bending the rules for this a bit. I picked "Slide" before I realized that it hadn't really been covered by anyone worth mentioning, but I couldn't think of a good enough reason to leave the Goo Goo Dolls' Slide OFF of this list, so here it is.

Besides, the furry red Sesame Street puppet is easily a more credible musician than Cincinatti Reds pitcher Bronson Arroyo, who covered the Goo Goo Dolls track for his "Covering the Bases" cover album. Right?

A Perfect Circle - Imagine

John Lennon's Imagine is timeless and needs little introduction, if any, and it's one of those songs that doesn't NEED to be covered since it's so timeless and will apply to generations of the past, present, and future.

However, American rock band A Perfect Circle released an anti-war, pro-peace-themed cover album, eMOTIVe, and included a barely-recognizable version of Imagine. APC's version of Imagine is solid in its own right.

Howie Day - Help!

Speaking of John Lennon, pretty much any Beatles song is a tough task for performing a cover. Not that it would be difficult to perform, but the pressure of meeting expectations and trying to 'do it justice' would be a bit much.

In 2002, Sean Penn wanted to have an all Beatles soundtrack for his movie I Am Sam. However, copyright holder Michael Jackson wanted $300,000 per song. Rather than pay outrageous licensing fees, Penn enlisted about twenty or so bands and artists to perform cover versions.

The soundtrack included Sheryl Crow, The Black Crowes, Eddie Vedder, and more.

Howie Day, whom Westfield State College students may remember from Spring Weekend 2008, performed a cover of "Help!" that was surprisingly solid, and at the very least, fulfills the requirements of appearing on this list as a one-word action verb song title.

Less than Jake - Surrender

Speaking of Spring Weekend, this year's performer might do a cover of Cheap Trick's "Surrender." It is what it is. It's a punk cover; exactly what you would expect: a power-chord-laden, 'fun' version of the original song. It's nothing to write home about, but is worth writing about here due to its relevance to the upcoming performance.

It is at least better than Simple Plan's 2003 cover, which isn't saying much, but it will be fun to see live--if they choose to perform the song.

Scorpions - Drive

I had mentioned this cover in one of my 'Rock Hall snubs' articles and it's worth mentioning again. The 1984 Cars song "Drive" is a classic, and the Scorpions' cover on their 2001 unplugged album, Acoustica, is the reason I listen to the Scorpions in the first place.

Along with a cover of the Kansas classic "Dust in the Wind" and an acoustic version of "Rock You Like a Hurricane," retitled "Hurricane 2001," Acoustica is a fantastic album.

John Mayer Trio - Try!

Try! isn't a cover, but it's OK--John Mayer doesn't need to be covered, because there aren't too many modern-day artists out there who could do any of his songs justice.

John Mayer has, however, paid tribute to his influences throughout various cover versions, however. The Jimi Hendrix classic "Bold as Love" was featured on Mayer's 2008 album "Continuum," and while a Hendrix cover is a tough task, Mayer made it his own.

Mayer's 2009 release "Battle Studies" featured a highly anticipated version of Eric Clapton's "Crossroads," but it was a solid "attempt," with Clapton's version still reigning supreme.

Editor's Desk

Yep, Elmo's in the time machine.
Anyway, this is my second editor's desk ever, I think. The first editor's desk I did was to explain my (at the time) new column, The Time Machine. Now, it's to explain my latest creation, the online edition for the Westfield Voice.

Coincidentally, this just happens to be the second-to-last edition for me as A&E editor. Isn't it ironic. Don'tcha think? It's bittersweet, seeing my run come to an end here at the Voice. I was going to go for a Verve joke right there, but considering there is no symphony present, it just didn't work out.

There is, however, a new website.
http://www.thewestfieldvoice.com. It's basically a WordPress blog, but it's a convenient way for students, staff, and parents to read the campus news. Be sure to check out my welcome message on the main page for more information.

If you would like to be notified of new articles, please follow us on Twitter: "WestfieldVoice." I have also made a Facebook profile for us, which you can reach by typing in "Westfield Voice," or go to http://www.facebook.com/thewestfieldvoice.

The new editors have been working their butts off in recent weeks, and need your help. If you have even a little bit of WordPress experience (or are a quick learner) and want to take over the new Online Editor position, send the Voice an email.

They also are--so far--without a replacement for me as A&E Editor, so if you are up to the challenge, send an email.

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Top 10 Albums
1. Justin Bieber - My World 2.0
2. Usher - Raymond V Raymond
3. Slash - Slash
4. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
5. Various Artists: NOW 33
6. Monica - Still Standing
7. Lady Gaga - The Fame
8. Justin Bieber - My World (EP)
9. Erykah Badu - New Amerykah: Part Two
10. Madonna - Sticky & Sweet Tour

Top 10 Singles
1. Rihanna - Rude Boy
2. B.o.B. - Nothin' On You
3. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
4. Taio Cruz ft. Ludacris - Break Your Heart
5. Jason Derulo - In My Head
6. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
7. Lady Gaga ft. Beyonce - Telphone
8. Black Eyed Peas - Imma Be
9. Justin Bieber ft. Ludacris - Baby
10. Usher feat. will.i.am - OMG

Top Movies
1. Kick-Ass
2. How to Train Your Dragon
3. Date Night
4. Death at a Funeral
5. Clash of the Titans

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Edge of Darkness
2. Legion
3. Daybreakers
4. M
5. Daria

Upcoming Video Games
1. Iron Man 2
2. Super Street Fighter IV
3. Fireburst
4. 2010 FIFA South Africa
5. Skate 3

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Taproot - Plead the Fifth
2. Dead Weather - Sea of Cowards
3. Peter Frampton - Thank You Mr Churchill
4. Deftones - Diamond Eyes
5. Bullet for my Valentine - Fever

Rock Band content
Coheed and Cambria 3 pack:
1. Guns of Summer
2. Here We Are Juggernaut
3. The Broken
1. Siouxsie & the Banshees - Peek-a-boo
2. Supergrass - Sun Hits the Sky
3. Violent Femmes - American Music

Guitar Hero 5 content
Phoenix 3 pack
1. Everything is Everything
2. 1901
3. Lisztomania

Misconceptions and improvements on arguing

By Shielding Cournoyer
Voice Reporter

"He always has to be right."

"She tries to force her opinion on other people."

"They just love arguing."

I've realized recently that people assume a great deal about other people who engage frequently in arguments or disagreements.

As someone who has been accused of loving arguments (preposterous though the accusation is, as anyone who knows me will surely agree), I think I can shed some light on the unspoken motives that drive the argumentative to engage in interactions that seem trivial or unpleasant to others.

I hope it will help in easing misunderstandings and assist in the general flow of conversation.

In my experience, one of the greatest misconceptions regarding arguments is that it is something of a contest that should be 'won'.

The initiator is generally assumed to act on the desire to humiliate or defeat other people, and may even acquire a reputation for being arrogant, aggressive, or ornery.

Fortunately, this perceived dichotomy between 'winner' and 'loser' is not the totality of conflict, though it contradicts popular belief.

Too many people assume that when two parties come into conflict, the only agreeable solution is to 'agree to disagree,' essentially abandoning the issue.

In my opinion, this widespread assumption is among the greatest detriments to progress facing society today. Winning, losing, and changing the subject are not our only options when faced with discord.

Personally, I don't assume that I am right and those who disagree with me on any issue are wrong.

Quite the opposite is true–if someone disagrees with me, I assume there is a valid reason for it, because people are intelligent and good-hearted. I am not interested in 'proving' that I am 'right.'

Rather, I take an action-oriented point of view that looks at thoughts not as static, inanimate possessions that define people, but as dynamic tools that can be used to construct solutions to problems.

If I find myself in an ideological disagreement with someone, my goal is to figure out what each of us sees that is invisible to the other so that we can come together to an expanded, more comprehensive worldview that incorporates both of our perspectives.

If it's a disagreement about a particular course of action, the goal should be to identify the problems and benefits of each potential action and to formulate a solution that takes the concerns of all parties into account and benefits everyone in the end.

There's no benefit to ignoring disagreements; each one alerts us to a social incongruity, offering us an opportunity to create new solutions and see ourselves more clearly.

When two people – or parties – respect each other and are working towards the same general goals of a healthier, happier tomorrow, there is no reason in the world why a disagreement should not lead to a better way of doing things.

Spring Weekend 4/23/10 - 4/25/10

Meals

Friday, April 23

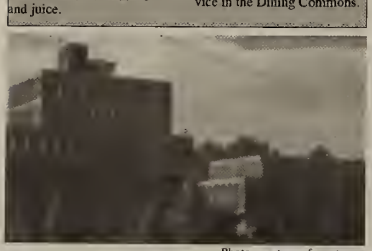
Dinner – Popcorn chicken wraps, Buffalo chicken pizza, white pizza with broccoli, cheese pizza, chicken patties, grilled cheese, curly fries, tacos, baked potato bar, fruit bar, salad bar, ice cream with toppings.

Midnight Breakfast – Pancakes with syrup, toppings and juice.

Saturday, April 24

Continental Breakfast – Cereal, bagels, fruit, juice, milk
BBQ Lunch – Hamburgers, grilled chicken, veggie burgers, pasta salad, green bean salad, sliced watermelon, oranges and bananas, brownies, cookies and beverages

Dinner – Regular dinner service in the Dining Commons.



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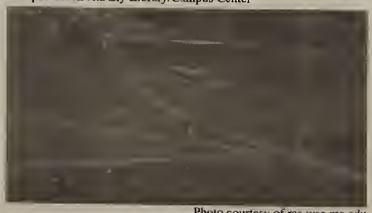
Campus Green and Ely Library/Campus Center



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Campus Green in front of the Dining Commons

The Westfield State College Campus Activities Board will be presenting a number of contemporary music performances and other activities primarily for the benefit of students and their guests but all members of the College community are welcome to attend at no cost except where food and beverage charges are appropriate.

Friday, April 23	Saturday, April 24	
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Themed Dinner at Dining Commons	10:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast at Ely Main Lounge	1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Beat Surrender, Battle of the Bands winner on Campus Green *
9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Ronnie Jordan, Comedian at Ely Main Lounge	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. iPod Playlist with Jim Hewitt on Campus Green *	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Brian Stokes/Andy Tarara on Campus Green*
10:30 p.m. -12:00 a.m. Brown Bag Bingo at Ely Main Lounge	11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. BBQ Lunch on Campus Green **	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Less Than Jake, Headliner on Campus Green*
12:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Midnight Breakfast at Ely Main Lounge	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Novelties on Campus Green ***	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Dinner in Dining Commons
	12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Beer & Wine Concession on Campus Green ***	**Rain sites:**
		* = Woodward Center ** = Dining Commons, *** = Cancelled

Event Attendance

Spring Weekend events are solely intended for members of the College community and their invited guests; therefore, Spring Weekend events are not open to the public.

Guests

Students are welcome to bring one non-WSC guest who is registered in advance. Residents are expected to present their validated WSC ID when entering a residence hall.

Guests of residents on campus April 23 - 25 must be at least 18 years of age and must be signed-in by a resident of the residence hall to enter that hall.

Guests are required to present a valid U.S. state-issued photo identification (or valid motor vehicle operator's license) and an authorized and properly affixed guest wristband.

Legal Beverages

WSC students shall present valid Westfield ID and a valid U.S. state-issued ID or a valid driver's license to enter a legal beverage concession area to purchase and/or consume alcoholic beverages. All others shall present a valid U.S. state-issued identification card or valid driver's license.

Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance to all events and/or residence halls.

Motor Vehicles

Guest vehicles may occupy faculty/staff or visitor parking spaces, however, student vehicle use of faculty/staff or visitor parking space is prohibited at all times.

Overnight occupancy in motor vehicles is prohibited on campus.

Residence Halls

Only current WSC students and registered Spring Weekend guests may visit residence halls on campus during this time period.

Rain Date

Woodward Center (Rain site for April 24 Spring Weekend concert only)

Students and registered guests attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center are directed to park at 333 Western Avenue (Horace Mann Center) or the Commuter Parking Lot.

A valid WSC ID or Spring Weekend guest wristband is required to enter the concert area at the Woodward Center. Individuals attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center must enter and exit the facility using only the main front or rear entrances. Side exits at the Field House are for emergency use only.

Food, beverages, beverage containers and any type of bag/backpacks are not permitted inside the Saturday concert area at the Woodward Center.

Smoking is prohibited within 50 feet of the buildings.

Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay

Ladies and gentleman, two weeks; two weeks and my college career will be no more. For those of you like me about to embark on a journey into the unknown, one of the worst job markets in history for exiting college students, best of luck to you; I highly doubt your real-world boss will take it as easy on you as some of you esteemed professors at WSC have. Anyway, like I promised last week, it's back to your emails for part two of the mailbag. As always, these are real emails sent in by you, dear readers, though the last names have been dropped to protect the inadequate. Bon Appetite.

Kevin, Lammers – "Is it just me, or is Dale Earnhardt, Jr. the most over-rated human being on the planet? I know you're a Kyle Busch fan (which should be punishable by death) so I'm sure you'll agree with me on this one…"

While I don't agree that supporting Shrub should be punishable by death, I agree that Dale Earnhardt, Jr. is the most over-rated driver in NASCAR. Over-rated person, I have to disagree. For me, Paris Hilton takes that title, or possibly any one of the famous Kardashians; I'm trying to think about other people who are more famous for less. Earnhardt hasn't won since Michigan in 2008, a race he won on fuel strategy and it remains his only victory since joining the Hendrick juggernaut. With fellow Hendrick drivers Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and 50 year-old wunderkind Mark Martin notching victory after victory and a nothing less than top 5 finishes in the chase, you've got to draw the conclusion that, in Dale Jr's case, it's not the plane, it's the pilot.

Steve, Old Apartments – "Bruins looked good in games 2 and 3, do you think they've got a snowballs chance in hell after all?"

I think they do. I really do. If they continue to play the physical style of hockey they've been playing the last two games they can win. The biggest change so far from the B's I've noticed is the shots they've been taking. At the end of the regular season it seemed the Bruins were either afraid to shoot the puck or afraid to crash the nets.

Against a guy like Ryan Miller, it's going to be next to impossible to score from the point. They have to crash the net, cause some confusion and hope for a deflection. If you line up square with Miller, he'll stop 99% of shots; he's just that good. The Bruins learned that in game one and have really turned it around since. I don't think they have a shot to make it to the cup finals, though if Rask stays hot, you never know. So often it seems that the team that wins it all only does so because they're riding a hot goaltender. For once, maybe, the Bruins have that guy instead of facing that guy.

Rachael, Davis – "Terrell Owens to rejoin with Donovan McNabb? What do you think makes the Redskins believe they can make this work? I don't know about you, but I'm really looking forward to this lifetime movie come-to-life this fall. You?"

Oh, Rachael, this may be my favorite email I've gotten all year. A girl who seems to be pretty in tune with the NFL and, and interested in the impending train wreck that is the Washington Redskins. I have to say, I hope this happens from the standpoint that I love watching disasters. Donovan and TO together again will be a clubhouse disaster and doom for that team. From the stand point of a New York Giants fan, I'd hate to see this happen, just on the off chance that they do work well together. If that's the case, Washington could be a force in what is already the most (or second most behind the AFC East) competitive division in the NFL. That being said, I'm sure it'll end up being a debacle before it is ever a success.

Donnie, Courtney – "It came out a long (expletive) time ago, but have you seen the video "two cups" on youtube? It's easily the funniest thing I've ever seen. Watch it, you won't regret it, I promise."

Donnie, I have seen this and I will agree with you on that, "two cups" is certainly one of the funniest damn things I've ever watched. For those who don't know, become informed. It's the best four minutes this side of Roger Bannister (Roger Bannister? Anyone?..ah, my joke is lost in their youth) and guaranteed to be something you watch a hundred times over. The idea of locking your buddy in a closet while tripping on acid and taping the results seems cruel and unusual, but after watching this I can only hope that's just general protocol. If you have the means, get on it and watch this clip.

Jason, New Hall – "Did you see the Jerry Jones video? That's wild, though I'd like to see more owners be human and more people to be real about things. Everything is covered up for the media cuz no one wants to look like a bad guy. Even though there was some liquid courage involved and the he didn't know he was being taped, it's nice to see he's not always guarded the way many people in his position are."

This is a little old news, but Jason makes a very good point and one that I find intriguing. I've never been a Jerry Jones fan but I admit, this moment in time has certainly moved him up my list. Despite the circumstances surrounding the tape, its still nice to see, I agree. I hate that people are always trying to be politically correct and say the right thing. For one, its boring and for another no person on the planet is without some type of feeling like this. No one is so dry and disinteresting that they speak in public on every topic under the sun like a damn robot. This is why George Steinbrenner was so great as the Yankees owner and why Mark Cuban is the NBA's best owner and why Bud Selig and the rest of Major League Baseball is scared to death of seeing him join the owners fraternity. Personally, I think it'd be a great thing for Cuban to own an MLB franchise and if I were commish for a day, getting Cuban a team would be priority one. Well, that and getting Pete Rose in the Hall….

And now as I slowly reach the end of my space allotment for the week, and for the final time as a Westfield Voice colunist, I'd like to thank all of you, dear readers, for your commitment to excellence (or whatever you call it) in reading this column whenever you have the chance. Next week, and for as far into the future as I can see, look for the musings of Rob Donoghue in this space. Until then and as always, kiddies, keep that head on a swivel and watch the beverage man.

Westfield State College sports roundup

By Robbie Donoghue
Sports Editor

Westfield State College's baseball team (18-7) swept Framingham State in a double-header on Monday, April 19.

Jesse Vermeersch allowed three runs over five innings in an 8-3 win for the Owls in game one. Phil Towne pitched two scoreless innings to pick up his fifth save of the season.

Pete Grillo went 2-4 with 3 RBIs for Westfield and Jeff Fields went 3-3 with 2 runs and 1 RBI.

Led by the outstanding pitching of Tymon Muska, Westfield took game two of the double-header over Framingham 13-1.

Muska allowed just one run and three hits over six innings to pick up his third win of the season. Grillo went 2-3 with 3 runs and 1 RBI and Kevin Lyons hit a two-run homerun to power Westfield offensively.

Westfield will play a home double-header against Salem State on Saturday, April 24 beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Westfield State's softball team (16-8) split a double-header with Framingham State on Monday, April 19.

Westfield fell to Framingham 8-5 in game one. Ashtyn Welcome started on the mound for the Owls and didn't receive much help from her defense. Only three of the eight runs she allowed were earned runs following two Westfield errors in the field. Kim Brennan and Brianna Isaacs each went 2-4 with 1 run and 1 RBI.

Kevin Lyons hit a homerun in Westfield's win over Framingham State.

Things went better for Westfield in game two of the double-header and the Owls were able to come back late and steal a 3-1 victory.

Madeline Tomich was outstanding on the mound for the Owls, allowing just two hits and one run over eight innings while striking out nine batters.

With the game tied 1-1 in the top of the eighth inning, Lisa Policelli hit a two-run double with two outs that gave Westfield the lead and eventually the win.

The Owls will play a home double-header against Salem State on Saturday, April 24 beginning at 12:00 p.m.

WSC's women's lacrosse team (9-2) defeated Framingham State 21-8 on Tuesday, April 20.

Rachel Dionne scored 4 goals and added 4 assists and Laura Chiricosta had 3 goals and 5 assists for Westfield. Ally Brown added 4 goals and one assist for the Owls.

Westfield will face Worcester State at home on Saturday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Westfield State's men's spring track and field team finished in first place overall out of eight teams in the Springfield College Invitational last Saturday, April 17.

The Owls had five athletes take first place in their respective events- Dan Haryasz (steeplechase), Bobby Fitzgibbon (high jump), Brandon Palmer (long jump), Mike Hibert (triple jump) and Justin Ehrhardt (shot put).

Robert Archambault placed second in the shot put, second in the hammer throw and third in the discus.

Westfield State's women's spring track and field team finished in fourth place overall out of ten teams in the Springfield College Invitational.

Kerry Arouca took a first place finish in the 1500 meter run for the Owls.

Amy Wing placed second in the high jump and the 4 x 100 relay squad of Kelcie Gildea, Laura Poore, Kesley Ninteau and Mychal-Lynne Folsom also came in second place.

Both the men's and women's spring track teams will compete in the MASCAC Alliance Championships at UMass Dartmouth on Saturday, April 24.

Check back next week to see how all of Westfield's spring sports teams faired in their games.

The wait is over for true football fans

By Robbie Donoghue
Sports Editor

For true NFL fans, the wait is finally over.

The 2009 NFL season ended a long 74 days ago when the New Orleans Saints took down the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV to capture the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

But the last two and a half months have left football fans irritable and anxious for the next season to begin.

Fans will finally be able to get their football fix and be one step closer to the start of a new season when the NFL Draft begins this Thursday.

The St. Louis Rams hold the number one pick in this year's draft and it is all but a forgone conclusion that quarterback Sam Bradford will be the pick.

Two months ago most experts thought Jimmy Clausen would be the first quarterback to come off the board, but Bradford's exceptional workouts and tremendous accuracy have solidified the fact that he's the best QB prospect – despite concerns over his surgically repaired throwing shoulder and overall durability.

After Bradford, defensive linemen Ndamukong Suh and Gerald McCoy should be the next two players to come off the board. A lot of rumors have been circulating that Detroit will trade the number two pick or draft offensive tackle Russell Okung, but in the end I think they'll take the best available player and draft Suh.

I think the Redskins will take Okung with the fourth pick, the Chiefs will draft offensive tackle Bryan Bulaga with the fifth pick, the Seahawks will take offensive tackle Trent Williams sixth, and the Browns will draft safety Eric Berry with the seventh pick.

The eighth pick is somewhat of a mystery because 200-year-old Al Davis and his Oakland Raiders hold the pick.

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The 2010 NFL draft is this weekend.

That means that the pick could virtually be anyone from Tim Tebow to Anthony Davis to Taylor Mays. But Davis loves players whose outstanding workout numbers vastly outweigh their actual production on the football field (like taking Darrius Heyward-Bey seventh overall last year with Michael Crabtree still on the board) so I think they'll draft freakishly athletic offensive tackle Bruce Campbell.

The ninth spot should also be an interesting pick. The Buffalo Bills hold the pick and have a lot of needs to address.

The Bills still don't have a franchise quarterback, need to upgrade both their offensive and defensive lines and are also in need of help at wide receiver. So the pick could be defensive tackle Dan Williams, who would fill their need at nose tackle, or wide receiver Dez Bryant, who would be a great complement to Lee Evans.

Buffalo could also take an offensive tackle, such as Anthony Davis, and rumors are swirling that they may draft running back C.J. Spiller despite already having Fred Jackson and Marshawn Lynch on their roster.

But in the end I think quarterback Jimmy Clausen will be the pick. Scouts have been hard on Clausen, especially ESPN's Todd McShay, and many have questioned his character. But Buffalo hasn't had a stable quarterback since Jim Kelly and Clausen could finally be the guy under center the Bills can build around.

For some other first round highlights I see linebacker Rolando McClain going to Denver with the 11th pick, Williams going 12th to Miami and Spiller going 14th to Seattle.

I think that talented but troubled wide receiver Dez Bryant will end up falling until after pick 20. Many say he could go to Denver with the 11th pick, but I doubt that Josh McDaniels will want to bring in a diva receiver after he just traded one away. Bryant could end up going to Cincinnati with the 21st pick.

The Patriots hold the 22nd pick of the draft and I think that they will take one of two players: Jermaine Gresham or Brandon Graham.

Gresham is the top tight end in this year's draft and veteran Alge Crumpler is currently the only tight end on New England's roster. Bill Belichick has never been shy of drafting tight ends in the first round (Daniel Graham and Ben Watson ring a bell) and Gresham is an explosive playmaker who would be a perfect fit for the Patriots' offense.

Graham can play outside linebacker or defensive end and would be a great fit in Belichick's defensive scheme. New England's defense struggled to apply pressure on opposing quarterbacks throughout 2009 and Graham is an excellent pass rusher and run stopper who would immediately upgrade the Patriots' defense.

Before I end, I must mention one more player. No article about the 2010 NFL Draft could be complete without mentioning him: Tim Tebow.

Tebow is one of the most decorated athletes in college football history. He's also been the most talked about player leading up to this year's draft.

Scouts have debated his NFL potential as a quarterback and dissected his throwing motion. Opinions on Tebow vary from a first round pick to a player who will need to change his position in the NFL.

But in the end I think Tebow will be taken in the second round.

He could go to the Jaguars, Raiders, Browns, Patriots, or Bills (if they don't draft Clausen).
But I think New England is the most likely place for Tebow to end up.

The Patriots hold three second round draft picks and could use a backup quarterback. In New England, Tebow could develop behind one of the best QBs in the business, Tom Brady.

Timeout with Teresa

By Teresa Dollfuss
Voice Reporter

What is wrong with the Red Sox so far this season? They are playing horrible baseball, with a record of 4-9 as of this past Tuesday.

They are off to their worst start since 1996 when they began the season at 2-11.

Last weekend they were swept in a four game series against the Tampa Bay Rays. Yes, the Rays have become a good baseball team in recent years and a formidable opponent in the American League East, but losing all four games?

What's even worse than losing those four games is that the Red Sox lost all four of those games at Fenway. The Sox are usually fairly dominant in games at Fenway. However, as of Tuesday, the Red Sox had a record of 1-6 in home games so far this season.

That one victory was opening day against the Yankees. That was a long time ago.

Granted, the Red Sox have faced some pretty tough opponents in the opening weeks of the season, but they should be playing better baseball than this. They are a better team than this.

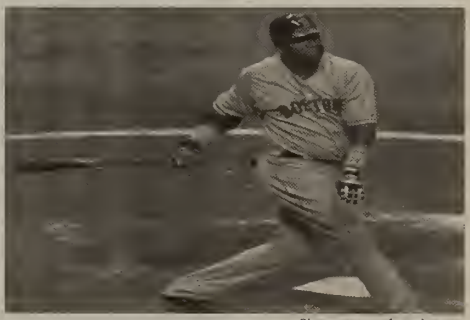
For the first few games I chose to believe that their losing was due to the missing presence of Jacoby Ellsbury in the lineup. But his loss from the lineup couldn't possibly impact the entire four game series.

I can't even remember at this point when the Red Sox had their last lead in a ball game. They didn't have a lead in any of the games they played against the Rays last weekend. The Rays just seemed to clobber them and there was no way for the Red Sox to respond. It was like they didn't know how to.

The lack of offense comes into play here. The Red Sox have left people on base in crucial moments, one in particular that I remember is leaving David Ortiz on third base in a game against the Rays. They are actually hitless with runners in scoring position so far this season. Their offense has dwindled to almost nothing, and needs to pick back up again soon.

Two people in particular that need to work on their offense are David Ortiz and J.D. Drew. Ortiz has a whopping 15 strikeouts so far this season, and a batting average under .200. Drew beats him with 17 strikeouts so far, and also has a batting average under .200. The difference between the two is that Drew actually has a home run. Ortiz hasn't hit one yet.

At this point, Drew and Ortiz aren't worth the money they're being paid. I know that might be a little harsh to say so early in the season, but it's true. Maybe they just need to switch up their batting stances or watch film from a game. Even taking some extra batting practice wouldn't be a horrible idea.



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David Ortiz has been off to a rough start in 2010.

Something else that they need to work on is fielding. The Red Sox have made 10 errors in the first 13 games of the season. That's almost one error per game, which is not a good statistic to have.

However, all of the problems they're having aren't strictly offense or defense related. The pitching hasn't exactly been stellar as of late either.

Collectively, Red Sox starters have an ERA of over five, and opposing batters are hitting almost .300 against them. Beckett still isn't his usual self and Lester has really struggled to begin the season.

Red Sox relievers are also contributing to the problem, as they can't stop the opposing team from scoring after the starting pitcher has been taken out of the game. Ramon Ramirez and Manny Delcarmen are among those pitchers who are having difficulties.

Hopefully the Red Sox can get out of their funk soon, or else fans are going to start getting restless.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
Don't be surprised if you find yourself having to deal with a few financial issues at the moment. If you can just make an effort to try to sort through things, you ought to be able to resolve everything.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
There could be an awful lot going on for you right now. Fortunately, you should find yourself feeling fairly confident and energized. You might even be feeling a little care-free.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
Don't be surprised if you find yourself feeling a bit more low-key or reserved than usual today. Even if it might take a little time for you to get things going, don't worry. You should be more than ready to get out there and start enjoying yourself again.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
You might find yourself having to deal with a few issues involving some of your friends, but don't worry. If you can take the time to get to the bottom of things, you ought to be able to resolve everything.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Some career matters might end up requiring quite a bit of your attention, and you could be able to accomplish quite a lot right now. If you remember to keep your eyes open, some interesting new opportunities could end up crossing your path.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You might be easily distracted at the moment, so don't be surprised if you find your thoughts drifting a bit. If you find yourself feeling a little unfocused at times, don't worry.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
Whether you like it or not, you may find yourself having to focus on a few money matters at the moment. If you pay attention, you might discover some new opportunities to improve your finances at this time.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
If there have been any lingering issues in an important relationship lately, see if you can talk things through with a loved one. If you can just manage to do this, then some relationship issues could really end up getting resolved.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
You're bound to have to deal with quite a few duties and responsibilities today. You should end up enjoying many of the things that you're able to do for others though, and your cooperative spirit could really end up paying off for you. You'll probably be eager to spend time with someone special.

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
There might be a lot you'll have to take care of today, but don't be surprised if you find yourself feeling a little distracted. You might really prefer to be out having a little fun and enjoying yourself. No matter how much you might like to avoid them though, you'll have to accept that there are bound to be plenty of things on the agenda that you'll just have to deal with.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
There may be quite a few issues for you to have to deal with around the house today, but don't worry. Your family ought to be in a fairly cooperative mood and should be more than willing to pitch in and help out. You might also find yourself having to put some real effort into some sort of creative project at this time

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
Your mind might be a little scattered and your thoughts will probably be all over the place today. Watch out that you don't say something to get yourself into trouble right now. Whatever happens, you're bound to be pretty busy dealing with a million different things. You'll probably find yourself longing to spend a little time enjoying the comforts of home.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado

Zucchini Alfredo

Ingredients
1 (12 oz) package egg noodles (or really any pasta)
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 cloves garlic, mineed
4 cups shredded zucchini
1/2 cup milk
4 oz. cream cheese
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

Directions
- Boil water and cook pasta for about 10 minutes (or however you like it); drain.
- Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat. Stir in garlic, and brown.
- Mix in zucchini, and cook for 10 minutes.
- Pour the milk into the skillet, and stir in cream cheese until melted.
- Mix in basil.
- Season with salt and pepper, and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.
- Serve over the cooked pasta.

ENJOY!

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Union rep speaks out for Sodexo workers

By Alex Myers
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Rallying and petitioning was only the beginning. On Tuesday, April 27 a group of Sodexo workers and union representatives met with Jerry Hayes, Vice President of Administration and Finance and Barry Maloney, Vice President of Student Affairs, to discuss the campaign for workers' rights.

Jesse Martin, a representative from Service Employees International Union Local (SEIU) 615, said that their union represents New England property service for food service workers, janitors, and security guards in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

SEIU 615 is a worker-run organization with about 17,000 members, striving to create a collective bargaining agreement with Sodexo.

Workers in Westfield State College's Dining Commons, other food service workers on campus--and across the country--have begun to reorganize into a union.

"There have been three anti-union meetings, one specifically happening Tuesday during spring break. There was an official from international Sodexo there," Martin said, "they discussed 'how awful unions are' and how 'if they join 615 they would be neglected because they weren't Spanish speaking.' [They] eluded to racial issues to try to keep workers from organizing."

photo courtesy of sodexodiningatwsc.com

The WSC Dining Commons at the center of a heated Sodexo rally for rights

In the meeting yesterday, the small group of students, workers, Adriana Feldman, director of Western and Central Massachusetts for SEIU 615, and Jesse Martin met with Maloney and Hayes to discuss the atmosphere of intimidation and retaliation against workers who have decided to join a union.

They discussed the wage issues on campus and also the poor treatment of student workers on campus.

"There are some workers that have worked on campus for 13 years and still receive less than $10.00 an hour," said Martin. "Student workers receive no benefits, no sick days, an no vacations. It's a real inequality."

According to Martin, the meeting was extremely positive.

"The office communicated very clearly to us that they are completely behind the workers freedom to choose and would hold Sodexo accountable if they are found to violate those rules."

The representatives at the meeting said they felt as though their concerns were really taken into consideration and were glad that the officials they met with didn't take a side and gave positive feedback.

The college's officials did not take a stance for or against the union, but made it clear that they were supportive of workers' rights to choose as a majority without fear of repercussion from their employer.

According to SEIU, Sodexo's anti-union behavior has not been limited to Westfield, and has been taking place across the country.

"They harass, intimidate, and coerce workers who want to join the union or who have gone to a union meeting," said Martin. "SEIU has filed over 16 unfair labor charges across the country, violations of national labor law

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Westfield now offering summer dance and drum course in Ghana

By Kathryne Lentini
Voice Reporter

Professor Jeremy Cohen of the WSC music department will be offering a summer *Drum and Dance* course in Ghana, now open to Westfield State students

The course was originally offered to UMASS students only. A professor at both institutions, Cohen is providing students the opportunity to experience a truly unique course overseas!

The course in Ghana is five weeks long lasting from July 30th to August 20th and UMASS Amherst will award six semester hours for the course.

The course fee is $2450, which includes lodging for all three weeks, in-country transportation, six credits, all meals for two weeks, 45 hours of instruction, and cultural events.

Also, the course is not restricted to music majors. As Profesor Cohen said, "anybody can apply to come on the trip."

It is important to remember that this course in Ghana is centered on traditional African dance and music.

Cohen also explained that "we are in a school for two weeks where we learn to drum for two hours and dance for two hours each day, so you have to like music even if you're not good at it."

All students can benefit from this course because aside from the musical aspect, there is history, anthropology, social studies, and culture to observe and learn from.

Professor Cohen, who graduated from UCLA Berkeley and the New England Jazz Conservatory, teaches a drum course that is not a typical drum set class.

He traveled to Ghana alone to study Ewe music (pronounced 'ew-eh') for a month, and returned to the U.S. determined to share what he witnessed with students.

"I got there thinking 'I came for the music, I'll drum for 10 hours a day' but I was distracted from everything around me; it was life changing," Cohen said.

"I want students to take away more than what's gained in the course; It's just to *be there*. It is an eye-opener," Professor Cohen said referring to the extra-curricular benefits for his students.

"You see how these people live at such a different level, without common amenities, and you realize 'I'm the exception'," said Cohen.

Last summer was the first time that students were offered to partake in the course and it was such a success. Professor Cohen said he is excited to share it again.

Aside from learning in the school for two weeks, the course includes traveling to significant locations such as the Cape Coast slave castle, the Kakum National Rainforest, and the capital city of Accra.

The itinerary for this course is exceptional because it covers so much of the culture and the area. This is a once-in-a-life-time opportunity to be exposed to an entirely new experience while earning college credit.

Students will register with UMASS Amherst, and applications are still being accepted. Contact Professor Cohen in the Music Department in Bates Hall. Log onto http://www.thisworldmusic.com/ to view a video of the course. Also, find the program on the Facebook group 'This WorldMusic/UMass in Ghana'.

If you have any questions about study abroad, visit the International Programs Office in Parenzo Hall, or contact Cynthia Siegler, Director of International Programs at csiegler@wsc.ma.edu. You can also contact Lucia Sullivan, Administrative Assistant at lsullivan@wsc.ma.edu. You can learn more about other destinations, financial aid, application requirements, and see slide shows of students abroad at www.wsc.ma.edu/educationabroad.

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John Gay's: The Beggar's Opera
Ely Studio Theatre

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Laser tag
Parenzo Gym

6:00 p.m.
Lacrosse vs. Elms
Alumni Field

8:30 p.m.
MOVIE: Youth in Revolt
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, May 1
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Car Wash to Benefit Haiti's Earthquake Relief
Commuter Lot

2:30 p.m.
John Gay's: The Beggar's Opera
Ely Studio Theatre

7:30 p.m.
Senior Performance Recital, Jodi Edwards, Soprano
Dever Stage, Parenzo Hall

8:30 p.m.
MOVIE: Youth in Revolt
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, May 2
3:00 p.m.
Festival Chorus, Ted Davidovich, Conductor
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Senior Recital, Jesse Alling, Piano
Dever Stage, Parenzo Hall

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MOVIE: Youth in Revolt
Ely Main Lounge

Only you can prevent environmental catastrophes

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

I know, I know - a cutesy, slightly borrowed title. Too predictable? Yeah, I kind of hate myself for it (I try to avoid cliches at all costs), but since this is my last article for the Voice, I'm going to do whatever I want.

And if anyone is actually reading this, well, you're just going to have to deal with my cheesy title.

Yes, I've always wondered if there is anyone out there who reads these articles. So if someone has been following along at least sporadically, I'll say this: it has been a pleasure.

I've thoroughly enjoyed submitting stuff every week (give or take) for the last four semesters; it's been fun and I hope that you guys enjoyed it as well and more importantly I hope you learned some things. I know it hasn't all been exactly riveting. But I'd like to think it was educational and at least a bit entertaining.

And yes, I didn't submit anything last week because I have been swamped with... everything. Between schoolwork, my senior internship, and my job I have been busy. I'm sure you're wondering what kind of grand finale I have in store for my last article.

Well, it's nothing too extravagant (I just told you guys I'm really busy, geez...), but I figured I'd keep with the environmental theme and leave you guys with a list of small, simple things that you can do to help out good ol' Mother Nature. So here you go:

photo courtesy of saferenvironment.files.wordpress.com
Recycling is one of the many ways to help keep the environment safe.

- **Recycle** - I know it isn't always convenient, espeeially if you have to go out of your way to do it, but it really is important. Make it easier by putting recycling bins in convenient spots at home or work or wherever. Then you have no excuses for skipping out.

- **Home Appliances** - To make your refrigerator run more efficiently change the condenser coils every year. Clean or replace the filters in your air conditioner too. Saves electricity and money.

- **Car Maintenance** - Save gas and money by inflating your tires well. Think about this: every two weeks, Americans wear 50 million pounds of rubber off their tires, enough to make about 3.2 million new tires! Inflate and save.

- **Recharge Batteries** - Mercury and cadmium are in batteries and these heavy metals can contaminate dump sites. Recycle alkaline batteries and use rechargeable ones if possible.

- **Shopping Bags** - Paper and plastic are old

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Facebook's new favorite trend: the fan pages

By Kylie Coffey
Copy Editor

Every few months, a new trend appears on Facebook. A few months ago it was Social Interview questions, before that it was Farmville, and what seemed like centuries ago, there was the beloved Bumper Sticker.

Now the trend that seems to be filling up the news feeds is fan pages. What started by "Becoming a fan" of an athlete, like Milan Lucic, or a Broadway show like *Legally Blonde* the Musical has turned into a phenomenon of "Becoming a fan" of just about anything and everything. Some Facebookers have added over 1,000 fan pages.

Many fan pages are very similar. Here are some examples of different fan pages and the categories they fall into:

Things We Do in Everyday Life- There are many fan groups about things that we do all the time but don't really think about doing until it popped up on our newsfeed.

-"Screaming at Characters in Movies to Do Things." We all do it. In almost every movie there are characters who do something we don't want them to do or we just yell in suspense of what is happening. So of course, there is a fan page for it. 419, 260 fans.

-"I Go On the Computer to Write a Paper…2 Seconds Later I'm on Facebook." This is a commonality amongst all college students. Procrastination, writer's block or just plain boredom can lead us straight to Facebook. It is a surprise that this page only has 107,161 fans.

-Childhood Memories- Those silly little things that we all used to do as kids that we didn't think about until now. These pages are some of the most popular fan pages.

-"I Used to Blow Air Back into my Capri-Sun to Make it Look like it was Full." Capri-Sun was always a childhood choice of beverage no matter where you went, whether it was on fieldtrips, the playground, snack time, wherever. 1,116, 701 fans.

-"As a Kid I used to Jump from Couch to Couch to Avoid Lava or Quick Sand." Kids everywhere have done this. Kids today are still doing it. Pretending the floor was lava or quick sand is like part of the universal code for children. 1, 207, 012 fans.

-"I say 'Wicked Awesome' because I'm from New England." Although it is safe to say that more people from the Boston area use this phrase, it is a common phrase that is associated with New Englanders. 131,346 fans.

-"Not Pronouncing my R's." Many people at Westfield State do actually pronounce their R's but once in a while you will come across a Bostonian who in fact does not. This page has a shocking 5,845 fans.

-Pop Culture- Many fan pages find themselves in this category. Pop Culture is everywhere and there really is no escaping it. Fan pages tend to make fun of things done in Pop Culture.

-"Don't you hate it when Ke$ha holds your party up because she hasn't walked in yet?" This fan page is in reference to recording artist Ke$ha's song "Tik-Tok." Particularly the part of the song where she says, "Now the party don't start 'till I walk in." 1, 347 fans.

-"I hate it when Voldemort walks into the room and my scar starts hurting." Clearly, this is a reference to Harry Potter. It could also be classified as a spoof on Harry Potter. 77,459 fans.

Stereotypes – There are lots of fan pages out there that make fun of different stereotypes.

-"Why are you late for class? Because the kid in front of me had his swag on." We have all dealt with this. Hurrying to class and you either have a slow walker or someone who just has to walk with a "swagga" in front of you. 699, 468 fans.

-"Black roots, Bleach blonde hair, orange skin, well aren't you attractive." There are many fan pages just like this one, it was hard to choose. These pages are dedicated to all the girls who think they look good like that. 209,046 fans.

Recently, instead of pressing "Become a fan," Facebookers now "like" these fan pages, just as they would "like" someone's status.

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
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Arizona has recently made what could be a colossal mistake. Last Friday, Governor Jan Brewer signed a bill that puts tougher requirements and stricter limits on immigration.

Under this new controversial law, police in Arizona can determine if people live legally in the United States and the law mandates that immigrants must carry identification everywhere.

Police may even stop people to ask for their identification and then charge them with a crime if they are in the U.S. illegally.

There are a number of reasons that this legislation is "misguided" as President Obama has said.

First of all, this kind of law allows racial profiling, already a problem in the criminal justice system.

If police see someone they "suspect" of being an immigrant, they can ask for identification. How would that *not* be racial profiling?

Also, this law targets Latin Americans, who make up a large portion of immigrants to the U.S.

This country already has so many problems with racism that this law would only increase the prejudices of Americans and especially of law enforcement officers towards immigrants.

Secondly, the economy will suffer.

It is a fact that immigrants contribute more to the economy than they take out of it.

The economic situation in the United States is in trouble as it is. Why subtract workers who are helping the economy?

The claim that immigrants "take our jobs" is unfounded. The Pew Hispanic Foundation found that in the last decade, foreign-born workers did not cause native-born workers to suffer.

Also, the idea of "American jobs" is not really true.

In a globalized economy like the one that the U.S. is in today, jobs and industries are taken overseas, so an "American job" could be in an entirely different country.

Thirdly, illegal immigrants have a right to be in the United States. There were not limits in the beginning of exploration to this land so why should there be restrictions now?

The United States does not have a policy that is friendly toward immigration and restrictions on immigration are unfair.

They target certain groups and once immigrants arrive in the U.S., it is difficult to fit in and they face much discrimination.

The fourth point is that many children of illegal immigrants are born in the U.S., citizens of this country, and will be in danger of losing their parents if illegal immigrants are targeted.

These children oftentimes live below the poverty line and if their parents are taken away, how will they be protected or provided for?

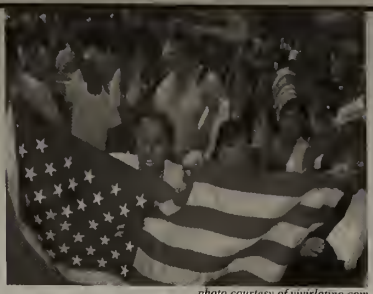
The Arizona law is, in a word, absurd. Protesters have already started gathering in Washington and demonstrating for the rights of those living and working in the U.S., whether or not they are legal or illegal immigrants.

The Obama Administration has declared that this is national issue and that it will make immigration reform one of its priorities in Congress.

The American government instigated immigration in the beginning with its conquest and imperialism in Latin America. Thus, it has a duty to respond to the immigration issue with appropriate reform.

Still, immigration reform will be another battle in Congress, mostly due to the roots of racism and feelings of superiority that many Americans feel towards Latin Americans and other groups of immigrants.

So what can anyone do to fix this issue People can start by adjusting their attitudes and losing the prejudices that have so long hindered immigrants from prospering in this country.



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Arizona passes new immigration bill to prevent protests like this one sbown.

Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Recently, the state of Arizona has passed a law dealing harshly with their immigration problem. Arizona for many years has had an immigration problem, and it has only been growing. Finally, the governor pushed for a law to decrease it and make the state a better place to live for the CITIZENS.

The law basically states that anyone can be stopped at any time to prove that they are a citizen of the United States, whether that means showing a green card, a license, a social security card, whatever. If they have no valid information, they can legally be thrown in jail, deported, and fined.

It does seem a little over-the-top, but Arizona, like Texas, California, and I'm sure many other states, have been waiting for the federal government to act on this issue for many years. The government's inability to react to it has caused an over-reaction throughout the state of Arizona.

Some may argue that the law passed is against the Constitution and will cause racial profiling. Then again, those people are probably not in the same situation that Arizona is in.

I agree that Arizona has taken a big leap of action here, but what is going on there is a serious problem which required serious attention from the federal government. The lack of response from them is costing law enforcement in Arizona their lives at the hands of illegal immigrants, not to mention the jobs being taken away from US citizens and the taxes not being paid to country because of them.

President Obama is bashing the Arizona legislators that passed this law, but the Governor of Arizona said that she would repeal the bill if the president would move the White House to Arizona so he could face the dangers they do each and every day.

This concept is simple. I have no problem with immigrants coming over here if they take the time to become a legal citizen. I know it's a hard and long process, but things in life don't come free or with ease.

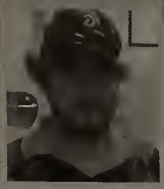
If these immigrants came to America and got their green card and went to work and paid taxes, this wouldn't be an issue... maybe.

I don't think it's fair that they can come and take jobs away from those of us who have been here our whole lives and then get paid for it, but not pay any taxes back to the government. We as Americans are paying for these immigrants to live here and that's not right.

I fully back Arizona in their decision and I wish that more states would see the problem and do something about it instead of just listening to the federal government when they say they are going to do something.

Clearly, it's time to take some action within the states.

Student of the Week



Matt Castonguay
Senior
Communication Major

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
I'm gunna go with...Kyle Busch.

If you could only listen to three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
The Police, Vampire Weekend, and Minus the Bear.

What's the last movie your saw in theaters?
Hot Tub Time Machine

What's your favorite thing about Westfield State?
That I'm getting outta here.

What's your favorite meal?
Coke and whatever else is there.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
Moving to Florida for a year and going to Syracuse for grad school.

Is your bed made right now?
Of course. You never know who's coming over...

What is your favorite material object?
My Cleveland VAS irons from 1995. So forgiving...

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
I play an awful lot of golf.

Advertise yourself:
Yo dog, yo.

Got anything else to say?
I'm spent.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Dear WSC Communication Department Majors,

On behalf of the Comm department facultye would be honored to have you attend this year's Westfield State College Department of Communication Annual Dinner. As you may know, the Annual Dinner is held at the end of each academic year as a way to gather friends of the department and to celebrate the achievements of our students.

This year's dinner will he held Friday, May 7, in the Scanlon Banquet Hall on the WSC campus. Our reception begins at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00 and our recognition ceremony at 7:00. This year, we are also offering an opportunity to reserve a table of eight for the dinner so that you can arrange a table for you and your communication major friends and/or family.

If you have any questions, please contact our department coordinator, Ms. Co Cousineau at 413-572-5751.

Hope to see you at the dinner!

Do your part: keep the planet clean

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news. Next time you hit the supermarket bring your own cloth bags and make it a routine.

- Storm Drain Dumping - Avoid dumping oil, antifreeze, paints, cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, and other toxic stuff down storm drains. They flow straight into rivers, lakes, and oceans and that's not where we want that stuff.

- Fluorescent Lights - Fun fact: fluorescent light bulbs last 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs. In fact, in the time you use one you would have gone through 13 incandescent light bulbs. Not feeling very noble? At least save the money.

- Walk or Carpool - Haven't you heard? Cars are really dangerous, in more ways than one. If you don't have to use one then don't use one.

- Spread The Word - *The most important thing you can possibly do to help the environment is to pass the knowledge you have about green living or alternative energy or tipping points or whatever to others*. Thoughtful action is great, but spreading the word is what really induces change.

There you have it. Every act, no matter how seemingly insignificant or ineffective, adds up and if we all do our part, everybody wins. I know, more optimistic talk from a guy who's clearly as liberal as they come. You guys are probably rolling your eyes, but it's just the way I choose to do my part.All I can do is plant the seed - the nurturing is up to you.

My four years at WSC has been the best time of my life, both in and out of the classroom. I sincerely hope that it is an equally as great experience for all of you. So this is where we part ways. For me, bigger and better things and you to, well, whatever it is you do. Let's just hope they let me have my diploma. Cheers.

Union still trying for workers' rights

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which states that every worker has the right to organize a union without fear of coercion or intimidation."

Some of the widespread health violations against Sodexo are repeated failure to maintain proper food temperature, failure to remove expired food, mold at Endicott College, and other concerns.

At Clark University alone there have been three labor board charges for changing work rules and using direct intimidation.

"These things get unbelievably fearful for workers," Martin said.

He compared the intimidation to an imaginary gun being put up to the workers heads to force them out of joining a union.

One worker said, "Many Sodexo workers do not feel they could go into work and discuss the union openly."

Martin said the ability to fire someone for choosing to be in a union or not is a definite problem.

Sodexo is the 22nd largest company in the world based in Paris, France. SEIU sent delegates to Paris to attend a shareholders meeting at the end of January.

While there, the shareholders promised a neutrality agreement globally and they have yet to do so. It is very apparent that Sodexo workers and union representatives are quickly growing frustrated about their treatment.

"Even though we are struggling just to survive, the main thing is respect. I want Sodexo to treat us like we are human beings," a Clark University Sodexo worker Noemi Nunez said on a SEIU flier. "Sodexo treats their workers like they aren't worth anything."

For more information on this campaign, visit www.cleanupsodexo.org.

If any representatives for Sodexo would like to voice their opinion on the matter, email us at thevoice@wsc.ma.edu or comment on our online edition of the Westfield Voice, found at www.thewestfieldvoice.com.

Editor's Desk

My last Editor's Desk!!

We're sitting here in the Voice office and it's 11:17 on Wednesday night. I missed Law and Order: SVU. But we're sending out a fabulous last edition, so I can't complain!

It's going to be so weird having Tuesday and Wednesday nights free...I'm not going to know what to do with myself!

I'd like to thank Cait, Matt, Franny, and Deb (once again) for teaching us everything they know and being patient with us the whole time.

And I'd like to thank Alex for putting up with me for these long nights. I'm so glad you're my Co-Editor, Alex!!

This is so, unbelievably corny, but I'd like to thank my parents for everything. (Hi Mom!)

And I'd like to thank you readers! All the work we do is to put out a good edition for you guys, so thank you for supporting us. Don't forget to follow us on facebook and twitter and check out the website www.thewestfieldvoice.com!

Until next year, have a great summer!!

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Super Phipps
Liquor • Fine Wine • Beer

Have a nice summer!

Thank you for your business! See you next fall!

Must be 21 years of age to enter!

What's the buzz about honey

By Robert McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Have you ever wondered how bees actually make honey? I have had this question ever since I can remember, as a carefree ten-year-old wondering why bees flew toward flowers.

Since being in China, I have learned the process through visiting a chicken farm near our college. This family-run farm raises chickens and produces honey for sale. I went to the farm and Fang, the 28-year-old owner, showed me around.

First, she showed me the wooden boxes that keep the wood framed honeycombs. Her father was in his beekeeper suit and removing the wooden frames and taking them into their house.

There were bees flying all over the house as we made our way toward the processing room. Inside the room was Fang's mother cutting the honeycomb and then putting the wooden framed honeycomb into a hand-held machine that she cranked causing the cylinder to spin around.

The way the process works is that the fresh honey is in the honeycomb while in the cylinder and by spinning the handle, a merry-go-round effect is created. The centrifugal force takes the honey from inside the honeycomb and collects in this cylinder.

When the cylinder was full, she took it over to a trash barrel with a mesh netting on it and dumped the sweet viscous liquid into the barrel where it was siphoned. As Fang's mother cut the honeycomb that was ready to be taken, she put the pieces of honeycomb into another barrel. These pieces of honeycomb had a lot of honey in them and were really delicious.

Bee farm owners show WSC students in China how to make honey

After the honey was filled up in the siphoned barrel, it was poured into smaller glass jars which are sold to customers. I got a jar and I usually have a sip from it every day.

Bees create honey as a food source for themselves. When fresh food sources are scarce or during cold weather, bees use their stored honey as their source of energy. In the hive there are three types of bees. There is a single female queen bee, a seasonally variable number of male drone bees to fertilize new queens, and around 20,000 to 40,000 female worker bees.

The worker bees raise larvae and collect the nectar that will become honey in the hive. Leaving the hive, they collect sugar-rich flower nectar and return. In the process, they release Nasonov pheromones. These pheromones lead other bees to rich nectar sites by "smell". Honeybees also release Nasonov pheromones at the entrance to the hive, which enables bees to return to the proper hive. In the hive, the bees use their "honey stomachs" to ingest and regurgitate the nectar many times until it is partially digested. The bees work together as a group with the regurgitation and digestion until the product reaches a desired quality. It is then stored in honeycomb cells.

After the final regurgitation, the honeycomb is left unsealed. However, the nectar is still high in both water content and natural yeasts. Unchecked, this would cause the sugars in the nectar to ferment. The process continues as bees inside the hive fan their wings, creating a strong draft across the honeycomb which enhances evaporation of much of the water from the nectar.

This reduction in water content raises the sugar concentration and prevents fermentation. Bees do a lot of work and we eat the fruits of their labor.

I'm glad I got to learn so much about bees because I do not think I would have ever learned if I didn't learn about the process here in China. Hope you learned a little bit about bees, enjoy the summer. Zàijiàn!

Editor's Desk

My last editor's desk! It feels like I have only just begun! ... Maybe that's because I have, but either way it's Sam and I's last issue for the year!

Although we haven't been editors-in-chief for that long, I want to thank everyone who has participated in the paper this year. And for everyone who helped make Sam and I's first few issues really successful.

Even though we have had some long Wednesday nights in here these past few weeks, I will miss putting the newspaper together. Sam and I were imagining today what it will be like in three years from now having to give the paper off to other editors. That will truly be a sad moment... but that is a long way down the line.

Anyways, it's almost May! Classes are almost over, finals are almost here, and seniors are almost college grads. Just got to make it through this long, winding, stretch up until that point and we'll be home free!

So on my last and final note I'd like to say Congratulations seniors! I wish you success in your future! And to everyone else... good luck on finals and have a marvelous summer! Be safe, get a tan, and enjoy it. See you all next fall!

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Top ten job-search mistakes of new college grads

By Charles Purdy
Yahoo! HotJobs

Although this year's college graduates are facing a tough job market (and the smart ones are facing it now, rather than waiting until after graduation), they have an advantage over other job seekers, according to Andy Chan, vice president of career development at Wake Forest University. Chan said that they are among the age group most likely to be hired in coming months.

"Organizations are very interested in hiring young people because they have a lot of energy and are willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done," Chan says.

But no matter how well-positioned these young people are, they--and all job seekers--will have a better chance of success if they avoid these common job-hunting mistakes of new college grads:

1. Not being proactive enough. Emily Bennington, the author of "Effective Immediately: How to Fit In, Stand Out, and Move Up at Your First Real Job," says, "This isn't the time to sit back and be casual in your approach. Create a hit list of five to ten target companies, and really utilize your network to locate an 'in' at each company."

2. Relying solely on the Internet. In a recent Yahoo! HotJobs poll, 57% of respondents said networking was a factor in landing their current or most recent job. Brad Karsh, president of JobBound, says, "When thousands of candidates are applying to the same jobs online and posting their resume to the same job boards, candidates need to stand out by making connections and networking their way into a company."

3. Not creating wide networks. Career expert Liz Ryan agrees: "Use your parents', grandparents', and friends' networks to help you in your post-graduation job search," she says.

Ryan continues, "don't be shy--reach out to any long-ago Scoutmaster, choir director, or babysitting or leaf-raking boss. ... there's no statute of limitations on networking."

4. Not creating customized resumes. Ryan says, "Don't send out any resumes that simply list your courses, the degree you've earned, and your part-time and summer jobs--use this opportunity to make a stronger statement about what you want to do with your adult life."

And according to Jay Block, the author of "101 Best Ways to Land a Job in Troubled Times," younger job seekers often haven't thought about what they have to offer an employer (as opposed to what they want to get from one).

5. Misusing the Internet. Tory Johnson, CEO of Women For Hire and the author of "Fired to Hired," says, "New grads don't use LinkedIn--it's not sexy like Facebook or Twitter. But it's the best resource for getting names and building a professional identity. Don't overlook it."

6. Failing to follow up. Johnson says, "It's not enough to send resumes and pray the phone rings." She cautions that job seekers can't expect a resume to be discovered in that "big black online hole." "Hustle to follow up," she says.

7. Setting expectations too high. Johnson says new graduates too often focus on looking for the perfect job, instead of a first job: "Especially in this economy, the first job should be about finding a position where you'll learn a great deal, you'll be super busy, and you'll be surrounded by lots of people."

8. Appearing unprofessional. Make sure you're ready for employers' scrutiny, says Tim McIntyre, president and CEO of The Executive Search Group. That means you should "sanitize your MySpace page--right now. It will be checked," he says.

Ryan adds, "Don't assume that Facebook's privacy settings will keep your youthful antics away from curious eyes. Rid your profile page of any photos of the 'three Bs' (beer, bongs, and bikinis)."

9. Not taking the job interview seriously. Even when you're applying for an unpaid internship, you need to adhere to common standards of professionalism. McIntyre says those standards include demonstrating you've done your research on the company and dressing appropriately. Block adds that new grads are often unprepared for tough (but standard) interview questions, such as "Where do you see yourself in three years?" and "What are your weaknesses?"

10. Not using the college's career office. "A career office can help [students] identify networking contacts, learn important job-search skills, and significantly improve their resume and cover letter," says Wake Forest University's Chan

Ryan agrees, but adds that this is just a first step. The career office's job is to "to prepare you for your job search, not to conduct it for you," she says. "Use LinkedIn, reach out to everyone you can, and begin researching employers who'd be likely targets for your job-search."

A blast from the past

By Samantha Fahey

Star Wars:
The Empire Strikes Back
Opening Crawl:

It is a dark time for the Rebellion. Although the Death Star has been destroyed, Imperial troops have driven the Rebel forces from their hidden base and pursued them across the galaxy.

Evading the dreaded Imperial Starfleet, a group of freedom fighters led by Luke Skywalker have established a new secret base on the remote ice world of Hoth.

The evil lord Darth Vader, obsessed with finding young Skywalker, has dispatched thousands of remote probes into the far reaches of space...

For a lot of people, Star Wars is more than just a series. It's an experience. You remember where you watched them and who you saw them with more than the actual storyline.

The thing with the Star Wars series is that they're out of order. The first thing you need to know is that they're called "Episodes." The first Star Wars to come out in 1978 was titled "A New Hope," but it was Episode Four. Episodes Five and Six came out in the '80s. Recently, as recently as the year 2000, they came out with Episodes One, Two, and Three. Confusing, I know.

Empire Strikes Back, Episode Five is the dark chapter of George Lucas's saga of Lord Darth Vader's (James Earl Jones's voice) evil Galactic Empire and the heroic rebellion. Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) and the rebels are overwhelmed by "the power of the dark side."

After receiving a vision from Obi-Wan Kenobi and fleeing the ice world of Hoth with his friends after an Imperial attack, Skywalker travels to the marsh planet of Dagobah, where the legendary Jedi master Yoda instructs him in the ways of the Force.

Meanwhile, Han Solo and Princess Leia make their way to planet Bespin, where they are ambushed by the Empire shortly after their arrival and are imprisoned by Darth Vader. Luke leaves Dagobah to rescue his friends, and is met by Vader who reveals startling and certainly quote-worthy information.

In a time when Avatar was what most would consider impossible, the special effects in this movie were astonishingly convincing and amazing well done. They were made before their time and will be timeless.

REFLECTIONS

By Matt Castonguay

MUDDY WATERS

This week in 1983, the music world lost one of its great pioneers. Mickey Morganfield, better known as Muddy Waters, passed away at the age of 70, leaving behind one of the most storied legacies in the history of music. Waters was born in Mississippi but he is famously known as "The Father of Chicago Blues." In the late 1940s and through most of the 1950s, Waters, his band, and counterparts (and oftentimes, playing partners) "Baby Face" Leroy Foster, Johnny Jones and Howlin' Wolf, ruled the American music scene. His legacy extends farther than nearly any artist in history except for possibly Elvis or The Beatles. Artists like Cream, Jeff Beck, Paul Rodgers, Humble Pie and numerous others. The Rolling Stones took their name from his song "Rollin' Stone" and artists like Eric Clapton and Jimi Hendrix were both very heavily influenced by Waters.

THE OLD MAN IN THE SEA

This week in 1953, one of the great literary works in history was acknowledged with the Pulitzer Prize. The novella, *The Old Man in the* Sea by Ernest Hemingway, written and set in Cuba, surrounds an aging fisherman named Santiago as he struggles to reel in a giant Marlin off the Gulf Coast. "*The Old Man and the Sea* served to reinvigorate Hemingway's literary reputation and prompted a reexamination of his entire body of work. The novella was initially received with much popularity; it restored many readers' confidence in Hemingway's capability as an author." A year later, the novella would receive an even greater award, the Nobel Prize for Literature. Critics at the time praised Hemingway "for his mastery of the art of narrative" and "for the influence that he has exerted on contemporary style." The novella is largely considered Hemingway's best work.

HINDENBURG DISASTER

This week in 1937, one of the most catastrophic passenger airline disasters in history occurred in Manchester Township, New Jersey at Lakehurst Naval Air Station. The *Hindenburg* disaster claimed the lives of 36 people, 13 passengers, 22 crew members and one ground crew member. Sixty-two people survived, but what made this event so memorable was the utterly horrifying news reel footage of the event which quickly made its way around the nation following the incident. What caused the deadly accident has been the topic of debate since the day it happened. Theories ranging from sabotage to static spark, from engine failure to lightning, about the ignition of the explosion and following fire are abundant, but the official cause is not exactly known. Other suggestions include structure failure, fuel leak and an incident with a pistol on board, though none of these have been proven either.

Speaker Series Dates

Greg Mortenson
Thursday April 29, 2010
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Woodward Center

Gloria Steinem
POSTPONED!
May 5, 2010
Reception: 6:00 pm
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Woodward Center

Barbara Nessim
Westfield State College
Arno Maris Gallery
Her artwork is on display from
May 5 to May 29
Artist reception: 5 pm on
May 5th, 2010

Last week of classes
May 3rd - May 10th

Finals week
May 12th - May 17th

Time Machine

by Franny Zupancic
www.contrabandwrestling.com

A trip back through Music History

Welcome to the last Time Machine ever. With this being the final edition of the year for the Westfield Voice, and us seniors nearing graduation, the time has come to bring this column to a close. Thank you, readers, for your support and compliments throughout my time as a columnist for this publication.

Now, on to the good stuff. This week's topic is rock albums performed with an orchestra. Sometimes, bands branch out and experiment, hoping to reinvent themselves even if for only one album, by giving their work a different sound, adding an orchestra.

This will not be a top ten list, but a collection, as this is not a real common approach, most likely due to the expenses of hiring a symphony orchestra. If you've earned some deeent cash by selling a hundred million albums or so, though, why not give it a shot?

Metallica's S&M album was certified 5x platinum in its compact disc form and 6x platinum in its DVD form.

Metallica – S&M (1999)

Metallica is easily the first to come to mind on this subject. In 1999, Metallica performed a two-night show with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra and now-late conductor Michael Kamen. According to James Hetfield, the concept was initially a vision of original bassist Cliff Burton, who was a fan of classical music. This interest in classical music was an influence for some of their songwriting elements for Ride the Lightning and Master of Puppets.

The DVD release of this concert offers multiple angles, a 41-minute documentary, and 5.1 surround sound, which is essential for this type of release. The performances include ballads and thrash classics alike; songs like "Nothing Else Matters" and "Battery" are taken to new levels with the accompaniment of the orchestra.

Deep Purple – Concerto for Group and Orchestra (1969)

Metallica has always cited Deep Purple as a major inspiration, and S&M was inspired in part by this album. The concerto, composed by keyboardist Jon Lord, consists of three movements, organized very similarly to classical concertos.

The initial release of the album only included the concerto, which was about 56 minutes long, but future releases included the entire concert, including another 3-movement concerto and three regular songs.

While Deep Purple inspired Metallica to perform, record, and release S&M, Metallica inspired Deep Purple to re-record their concerto at Royal Albert Hall. The original score had been lost, and was re-written by Lord.

Scorpions – Moment of Glory (2000)

This one will be brief, as I this is possibly the third mention of this album in this column to date. Christian Kolonovits handled arrangements for this album, recorded during a seven-city tour of rock-symphonic performances.

Originally, Andrew Powell and Michael Kamen were considered as choices for the job, but Powell's arrangements did not provide a 'full' enough sound. While it is not said why Kolonovits was chosen over Kamen, it is ironic that Kolonovits declined collaboration with Metallica, who then hired Michael Kamen, instead.

Kiss Symphony – Alive IV (2003)

Love them or hate them, Kiss are arguably the greatest showmen in rock and roll history. Some may frown upon their commercialization of themselves as a 'brand' more than a band, but there is no denying that looking past Kiss Pez dispensers and alarm clocks, there were four fantastic, charismatic performers.

This fact was evident on their Alive IV album with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. David Campbell wrote arrangement and provided conducting duties for the show. As if an orchestra isn't enough of a spectacle by itself at a live concert, the 60-piece orchestra was dressed in formal attire and Kiss makeup.

The album itself was split into three acts: Kiss, Kiss (acoustic) with orchestra, and Kiss with orchestra. This format works out well, as the acoustic songs are given a chance to evolve into something bigger through orchestral arrangements, and the anthemic hits are made to feel even more "epic" and memorable. Fortunately, "Calling Dr. Love" and "Lick it Up" were performed in the first act. I don't think a 60-piece, 120-piece, or 2500-piece orchestra could turn "Lick it Up" into a good song.

As stated earlier this is not a very common trend. When bands do decide to put on shows like these, however, they become very memorable, unique nights.

A&E Quick Hits

Top 10 Albums
1. Justin Bieber - My World 2.0
2. MGMT - Congratulations
3. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
4. Usher - Raymond V Raymond
5. Coheed & Cambria - Year of the Black Rainbow
6. Various Artists: NOW 33
7. Lady Gaga - The Fame
8. Ke$ha - Animal
9. Monica - Still Standing
10. Justin Bieber - My World (EP)

Top 10 Singles
1. B.o.B. - Nothin' On You
2. Rihanna - Rude Boy
3. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
4. Taio Cruz ft. Ludacris - Break Your Heart
5. Lady Antebellum - Need You Now
6. Jason Derulo - In My Head
7. Lady Gaga ft. Beyonce - Telphone
8. Usher ft. will.i.am - OMG
9. Ke$ha - Your Love is My Drug
10. Adam Lambert - Whataya Want from Me

Top Movies
1. How to Train Your Dragon
2. The Back-up Plan
3. Date Night
4. The Losers
5. Kick-Ass

Upcoming Video Games
1. Iron Man 2
2. Earthworm Jim
3. Toy Story 3: The Video Game
4. Split/Second
5. Skate 3

Upcoming Album Releases
1. Godsmack - The Oracle
2. Toni Braxton - Pulse
3. New Pornographers - Together
4. Deftones - Diamond Eyes
5. Mike Patton - Mondo Cane

Upcoming DVD Releases
1. Edge of Darkness
2. Legion
3. Daybreakers
4. M
5. Daria

Rock Band content
1. Flyleaf - Again
2. Silverchair - Tomorrow
3. Busted - Thunderbirds Are Go!

Guitar Hero 5 content
Black Sabbath 3 pack:
1. After Forever
2. Into the Void
3. Sweet Leaf

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SPRING WEEKEND 2010:

APRIL 23 - APRIL 25

Thank you to Hugh Mailly for the Spring Weekend pictures!

Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Robbie Donoghue

I now know how Steve Young felt. And I don't mean how he felt when he won the Super Bowl or was named MVP of the National Football League. I mean that I now know how Young felt when he was asked to follow in the footsteps of Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana who had led the 49ers to four Super Bowl titles.

In similar fashion and with expectations just as high, I have been given the honor of taking over this column and succeeding its former great author–the man, the myth, the legend: Matt Castonguay.

Damn, that was a really corny reference. And if Matt was sitting next to me right now he'd probably hit me. But in all seriousness, Matt is a tremendous writer and being able to read his stuff for the past year has definitely helped me out. Now I will try with the best of my abilities to take over this hallowed column and do Matt proud.

To introduce myself real quick for those who don't know me, my name is Robbie Donoghue and I'm currently a freshman majoring in Communication and Political Science. I've had a passion for both sports and writing since I was a kid and hope to continue to write about sports for as long as I can.I figured I'd write my first column and throw my two cents in on something that's owned the headlines and been tirelessly analyzed over the past week: the NFL Draft.

The number one story from the 2010 Draft will without a doubt be Tim Tebow being selected in the first round–ahead of Jimmy Clausen. Clausen was supposed to be a top 10 pick but ended up suffering a fate worse than Aaron Rodgers or Brady Quinn when he fell all the way out of the first round of the draft. He was finally taken by the Carolina Panthers in the second round with the 48th overall pick.

I blame Clausen's fall from grace on former Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn. Quinn was once a top prospect coming out of a pro style offense–just like Clausen.

But Quinn has had an awful pro career since being drafted late in the first round by the Cleveland Browns and he's now playing for the Broncos. He's yet to prove that he was worth a first round draft choice and can be a reliable starting QB. I think that NFL teams were scared that Clausen was the second coming of Quinn–a cocky and arrogant young quarterback who lacked true leadership and dedication.

Tim Tebow on the other hand was thought to be a second, or possibly third round pick. Whether or not Tebow can play quarterback at the NFL level is a huge question mark, but that didn't stop the Denver Broncos from trading up into the first round to take him with the 25th overall pick–ahead of Clausen.

Are you kidding me?

First let's get something straight–I am a big Tim Tebow fan and I hope that he will prove everyone wrong and have a great pro career playing quarterback. I am also not a big Clausen fan. I've grown up in an Irish home where rooting for Notre Dame's football team is just the thing that you do. But if Clausen had played QB at any other college then I definitely wouldn't like him at all.

Personal feelings aside, I have no clue in hell how you can rationally defend drafting Tebow ahead of Clausen. Like I said, I love Tebow. He's a hard working kid who will do anything to win. But you can't succeed in the NFL without the right skill set, no matter how high your effort level is.

There may be question marks surrounding Clausen's character, but there is no doubt in my mind that Clausen is the more skilled quarterback and is much better than the 48th overall player in the draft.

I blame Quinn for Clausen's draft day free-fall but would also bet all the money in my wallet, a solid $16, that Clausen will have a much better NFL career than Quinn has had. Clausen is going to play with a chip on his shoulder now. Watch out.

Denver's young head coach Josh McDaniels has now risked his entire coaching career on the development and success of Tebow. He's traded away Pro-Bowlers Jay Cutler and Brandon Marsball and replaced them with young, high character players. He better hope that their performance is as good as their character, or he'll find himself out of Denver in a heartbeat.

Speaking of Tebow, I'm pretty sure that there is no bigger fan of him than John Gruden. As a matter of fact I'm pretty sure that there is no bigger fan of any player in this year's draft class than Gruden.

For anyone who watched the draft coverage on ESPN, I think you would agree with me when I say that Gruden was the "Paula Abdul" of the ESPN crew. While the other analysts attacked many of the players and brought up the question marks surrounding them, Gruden supported each player with love and compassion as if he was their own father.

As a NFL head coach there was no one as crude or nasty as Gruden. But once he's on TV there's nobody nicer.

And despite his love affair with almost everyone drafted, he actually knows his stuff. His analysis of the players was spot on and the broadcast would have been impossible to watch without him there.

Other than some terrible commentary by the rest of the ESPN draft crew, my biggest problem with the draft broadcast is that there is no longer any drama as to who is going to be picked. Back in the good old days, before there were up to the second updates from Adam Schefter and various other 'Tweeters,' it was actually a mystery as to who was going to be selected when the commissioner headed to the stage.

But minutes before the draft pick announcements were made, cameras locked on to the face of a smiling player on his cell phone, putting on the hat of the team about to draft him.

And if you're like me and follow Adam Schefter on Twitter… wait who am I kidding, no one is as big of a sport's nerd as me and actually gets Tweets from sports analysts sent to their cell phone. But if there does happen to be anyone else out there like me then you understand how annoying it was to find out the draft picks three minutes before the selections were made.

Before I end I should mention our hometown New England Patriots. Overall I really like their draft. I think taking McCourty in the first round was a reach but I trust Belichick. Plus, the Pats don't exactly have anything to write home about at the cornerback position outside of Leigh Bodden so you can't blame them for adding CB depth. I really love both the tight ends they drafted. The only question is whether or not the Patriots will finally incorporate the tight ends into their passing offense.

Well I'm running out of room to write so I guess this is the place I'll end. Thanks for reading boys and girls. I'm still undecided on whether I should change the name of the column or not… got any suggestions or opinions? Shoot me an email. I'd also love to receive any questions or feedback. Just send an email to rdonoghue6814@wsc.ma.edu. Until next time folks, good luck with your finals and enjoy the summer.

Westfield State College sports roundup

By **Robbie Donoghue**
Sports Editor

Westfield State College's baseball team (23-7) swept Salem State in a double-beader on Saturday, April 24.

Westfield won game one of the double-header 10-1 behind the strong pitching of Tymon Muska and an explosive offense. Muska pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs to improve to 4-0 on the season.

Ben Wagner led the Owls offensive attack, going 3-4 with one run and three RBIs. Jeff Ackerman went 2-4 with 3 runs scored and Matt Kelly went 2-2 with one run and one RBI.

Westfield took the second game over Salem State 10-3. Jesse Vermeersch allowed two runs over four innings to pick up the win and improve to 4-0 on the season.

Ben Campbell was 3-3 with one run and four RBIs and Jeff Fields went 2-3 with two runs and one RBI for the Owls.

Westfield will play a home double-header against Mass Maritime on Saturday, May 1 beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Westfield State's softball team (22-8) swept MCLA in a home double-header on Tuesday, April 27.

Westfield squeaked out a 2-1 game one win behind the outstanding pitching of Madeline Tomich. Tomich allowed one run over seven innings and struck out eight batters to improve to 13-1 on the season.

Tyler Merchant led the Owls by taking first in te javelin throw.

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning, Kristyn Carroll hit a two run double that gave the Owls the lead. The one run lead was all that Tomich needed to deliver a victory.

The second game of the double-header was a lot les dramatic as the Owls' bats exploded for a 13-1 victory.

Ashtyn Welcome allowed one run over five innings to pick up her fourth win of the season for Westfield.

Kerin DeGirolamo went 3-3 with two runs and one RBI and Alicia Gardner went 2-2 with two runs and one RBI. Kim Brennan was 1-2 with two runs and two RBIs and Carroll added a three-run homerun to seal the victory for Westfield.

The Owls will play a home double-header against Mass Maritime on Saturday, May 1 beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Westfield State's men's spring track and field team finished second overall in the MASCAC/New England Alliance Championships on Saturday, April 24. Westfield lost the MASCAC title to Fitchburg State by only one point. The second place finish ended a streak of 13 consecutive MASCAC spring track titles. Westfield has won 26 of the past 28 MASCAC championships.

Sprinter Marc Gomes was Westfield's top performer in the meet as he finished first 200 and 400 meter dash.

Tyler Merchant placed first in the javelin, Tom Gauger took first in the pole vault and Brendan Corcoran won the 800.

Bob Archambault placed second in the discus and hammer throw and third in the shot put.

Westfield State's women's spring track and field team finished in second place as well at the MASCAC/New England Alliance Championships.

Kerry Arouca led the Owls by winning the 3,000 meter steeplechase and the 1500 meter run. Jenna Kydd placed first in the pole vault and Rachel Ryan took second places in the shot put and javelin. Also finishing second for the Owls were Carolyn Connolly in the 800, Julie Messinger in the steeplechase, and the 4 x 100 relay team of Kelcie Gildea, Laura Poore, Kelsey Ninteau and Mychal-Lynne Folsom.

Athletes from both the men's and women's spring track teams will compete in the New England Division 3 Championships at Tufts on Saturday, May 1.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)
A lot could be expected of you at the moment, but try not to resent all the demands that might be coming your way at this time. And don't let yourself get talked into spending too much money right now. Someone might end up trying to convince you to get something you really don't need.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21)
Your creative energies should be running high at the moment, and things ought to be going pretty smoothly for you right now. You shouldn't hesitate to jump in and lend a hand whenever it's needed.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21)
There should be plenty for you to have to deal with around the house. Just don't be surprised if a few conflicts end up popping up before the day is through. And no matter how much you might have going on, you just better be prepared to handle all the duties and obligations that might be coming your way.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22)
Things ought to be going pretty smoothly around the house for you this week. But if you're not careful, you might be in store for a few conflicts before the week is through.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23)
Don't be surprised if a few unexpected visitors end up dropping by this week. And there should be an awful lot going on around the house for you to have to deal with right now. Just make sure that all the activity doesn't end up stressing you out too much.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22)
You could find yourself pretty busy right now, and there may be an awful lot for you to have to deal with before the day is through. But you ought to be feeling full of energy and ready to take on the world. And if you just put your mind to it, you might find that you'll be able to come up with some better ways of taking care of everything.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22)
You might find that you really won't be feeling all that inspired to want to deal with a whole lot this week. And it may be a good idea for you to try to take a little time to just sit back and relax a bit.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21)
Don't be surprised if there's an awful lot going on around you this week. And it might not be a bad idea for you to take the initiative and try to make a few fresh starts and new beginnings with a few people in your life.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21)
There may be a lot for you to have to deal with on the home front this week. But you might find that you'll be feeling a little uninspired and low on energy at the moment. And it might not be a bad idea to see if you can find just a little time to try to relax a bit

Capricorn
(December 21 – January 20)
If you find yourself feeling pretty sociable this week, don't worry. There should be any number of opportunities for you to enjoy some good times with your friends and loved ones. Don't let yourself get too carried away and end up overdoing it though.

Aquarius
(January 21 – February 19)
If you've been eager to have a good time, you really ought to be getting the chance to enjoy yourself this week. So be prepared to take advantage of any opportunities for fun and adventure that might be coming your way right now.

Pisces
(February 20 – March 20)
Don't be surprised if there are some interesting new adventures in store for you and you shouldn't be afraid to try a few new things. Just be sure that you learn something from everything you experience. You also need to be careful that you don't get carried away and end up behaving a little too recklessly.

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Love,
The 2010 - 2011
Voice Staff

ATTENTION STUDENTS

During the week of May 3-7, we will have a video crew on campus from Mind over Media, our website developers.
They will be capturing video to use on their new website. We are asking for your cooperation should the crew ask you to participate in a video opportunity during this time.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Jawbone Stimulus Funny Video Contest - $10k Grand Prize

Ever been on a call where unwanted background noise caused an annoying interruption or humorous mishap?

Yup, so have we! That's why we're launching the "Jawbone Stimulus Funny Video Contest" (www.jawbonecontest.com) with a grand prize of $10,000.

Jawbone is calling on comedians, filmmakers, and creative types to submit short videos, 60 seconds or less, that showcase funny moments caused by unwanted and unexpected background noise during a phone call. Deadline for video submissions is June 1, 2010.

The winning video will receive $10,000, be featured on Jawbone.com, and possibly used in future Jawbone marketing campaigns. Prizes will also be awarded to those who share videos with their friends (i.e. generate video views by sharing personalized links).

To learn more about the contest or submit a video, visit www.jawbonecontest.com.

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